



BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Bishop Baraga Families,

The Dickinson-Iron Health Department recently released a letter addressed to the area public school superintendents regarding the closure of public schools in our area. This closure has been recommended to the public schools, but not to Bishop Baraga Catholic School or Holy Spirit Catholic School in Norway. We do plan to stay open at this time. Of course, as I have mentioned in my other updates, that could change at any time. We carefully monitor our status regarding COVID-19 cases and exposures every day so we can make swift and appropriate decisions. You should be prepared for last minute schedule changes.

I was informed yesterday evening of our first positive cases among our students. In one of our families, four children tested positive. Those children are in kindergarten, second, third, and fourth grades. Those students were tested after a parent acquired COVID-19. They have not been in school since October 23rd, and are actually recovered and ready to return to school since their quarantine has already ended. We have one other student who tested positive yesterday. They were tested as well, after a parent tested positive. They are in pre-kindergarten and have not been in school since October 29th. There are no close contacts because this student was kept home when the parent started experiencing symptoms, well before the student experienced any symptoms.

I want to thank all our families for their efforts and care during this time. When parents have experienced symptoms, they have kept their children home even though the children have not had symptoms. This is one reason why we have had no close contacts among our students at this time. We ask you to continue to carefully monitor yourself and your children. Please keep your children home from school if you have any symptoms or your children have symptoms. We want Bishop Baraga Catholic School to remain open as much as possible this year. That is why we will continue to strictly follow our masking and social distancing policies at school. We ask you to be prudent in your activities outside of school as well.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this letter.

God bless,

Angela Oller