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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I want to continue to keep you updated on the impacts and issues surrounding Covid-19 as it relates to our area schools. Most, if not all of you are up to date on the protocols necessary to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Having your student(s) continue to embrace good hand washing, recommended mask wearing, social distancing (if possible) and taking the necessary precautions of keeping your student(s) home with even slight symptoms or possible exposure to someone that may have been identified with Covid-19.

The first three weeks of school have been very positive. Staff and students are engaged and excited to bring about some form of normalcy and learning. Our goal has been to keep the wheels of education turning, while weighing out impacts from all sides for the safety and health of our team and students.

I write this letter as an update for all of you to continue your due diligence in monitoring your son/daughter as it pertains to possible illness. This can be illness due to the common flu that is now making its rounds. Keeping your child home for a minimum of 48 hours with no symptoms and of course, notifying the school if exposure to Covid-19 or a positive test has occurred (Notification may occur from North Central Public Health).

Many have asked is there a set trigger point that would tip our school(s) into the yellow or red categories. The quick answer is, no. Myself, administrative team, school nurse and North Central Public Health will continue to monitor and assess daily the impacts that surround our area schools. From this monitored information, we will work to determine the best course of action. To include being informed by your school that your child may have been exposed and to monitor any symptoms closely, to being informed by either the school or Public Health Department that a student or staff member has tested positive for Covid-19. There are really too many factors to list and the work to mitigate social tracing a large task. We will do our absolute best to inform parents/guardians so you can be informed and then monitor from home.

At this time, masks continue to be a recommendation and if worn, our team supports. In fact, many teachers have asked their students to help them be protected for themselves and family members at home. I'm proud of our students for teaming with our staff to do this. We continue to ask and thank you for keeping your child(ren) at home for a minimum of 48 hours and show them symptom free before returning. Quarantine timeline is 14 days from positive Covid test. Parents/Guardians please have updated contact information at your school and be prepared in case a call for student pickup becomes necessary. This is extremely important and one that will help keep our schools up and going.

We all wish for this to be over. Stay well and thanks for staying informed and supportive of our schools.

Best,

Todd Fiske
MVSD Superintendent

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