

October 6, 2021

Dear families,

As you were already aware, we have had 2 staff test positive for Covid. One was in Miss Kenzie's room and the other was in Miss Jenny's room. Since that time, staff from Miss Tina's class that was here on Monday has tested positive as well as a student in child care that was in attendance on Friday, October 1.

With guidance from the MN Department of Health (MDH) we will remain closed through next week, October 11-15. We will reopen on Monday, October 18.

Because our children are together during early morning drop-off, late pick-up, recess time and child care, it is difficult to say who your child has been in contact with that may now test positive. Recommendations from MDH are that as a possible close contact, your child should stay home and not take part in any activities/sports for 10 days. Your child can return on October 18 as long as they do not develop symptoms or test positive during this time.

It is also recommended by MDH to get tested immediately and, if negative, three to five days after your child was close to the person with COVID-19. Please visit with your primary care provider regarding your child and follow their recommendations as well. Others living in the home can continue to go to child care, school, youth program, camp, and other community activities. To stop outbreaks and protect students and staff we need to do everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Closely monitor your family for symptoms. If you, your child or anyone else in the family develops any symptoms of COVID-19, do not attend child care, school, youth program, camp, or other activities, isolate from others, and get tested. *If your child tests positive for COVID-19 during quarantine, please contact me as I have to report cases to the state.*

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- New cough or a cough that gets worse
- Difficulty/hard time breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Muscle pain
- Extreme fatigue/feeling very tired
- Severe/very bad headache
- Chills

We are very sorry for the problems this may cause you or your family. We are continuing to pay our staff and would really appreciate the continued financial support of tuition. If this presents a financial burden to your family, please contact me (joan@calvarybemidji.org; 218-751-1893, ext. 127) and we will look at options.

Thank you for your continued support of our program. Prayers continue for all of our families!

Peace,

Joan