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Staff, Parents and Families:

Re: Spring Break

In response to the rapidly growing number of cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide, the School District of West De Pere continues to closely monitor reports from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and work with local health officials to keep everyone on school grounds safe and informed.

We ask that you exercise caution with your choices to travel abroad during spring break. Even if you are not traveling to China, Japan, Italy, South Korea, or any other country currently experiencing high numbers of cases, you could still be exposed. Like other upper-respiratory infections, the COVID-19 virus can spread easily. This spread could happen at large gatherings and venues, on cruise ships, in airports, or on mass transit, etc.

If you choose to travel, please be aware of the potential for the CDC risk level to change for any country or region at any time. That is to say that, although your destination may not be at Level 2 or higher when you leave for your trip, it may acquire that designation during your visit. If the country you're visiting is designated Level 2 or higher AT THE TIME OF YOUR RETURN, all travelers will be required to stay away from school grounds for 14 days following their return to the United States.

We recommend that everyone follow everyday preventive practices:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning product.

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing. **If you travel abroad or to a location that has sustained person-to-person spread during spring break or this school year, and become ill with fever, fatigue, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, please call your healthcare provider and describe your symptoms and your travel history.** It is important that you do not return to school if you become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 after travel.

The School District of West De Pere has a plan in place and the school will continue to monitor and revise these plans for any new developments. We remain committed to our students' well-being and safety. If you have questions or concerns about the school's response to the coronavirus or anything pertaining to the health of our students and others, please do not hesitate to contact any building administration.

Sincerely,

Amy Schuh, Director of Student Services