



March 5, 2020

Dear Parents,

St. John the Baptist Catholic School values the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families. We work throughout the school year to promote healthy schools. Safety is always our priority.

As the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) share more information about the COVID-19, or the coronavirus, we want you to know that we are in contact with the Marathon County Health Department, and Diocese of LaCrosse for updates and possible procedural changes that may affect your child's school day.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School will be developing plans in case the epidemic does reach our area. Scenarios are being planned for.

As the influenza season continues, public health officials suggest that parents vaccinate children and themselves, also take everyday precautions to stop the spread of the germs. Please consider the following:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water
- Help your children to wash their hands as well
- Do not send your ill child to school
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

St. Johns will be more proactive to prevent the spread of illness until we are notified of a change from the Marathon County Health Department. If children are feeling ill please keep them home until all symptoms have passed. We will be sending children home if they exhibit any symptoms of illness.

Please look to the links below for more information:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>
- <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavir>

I thank you for your time and ask if you need further information consult the Marathon County Health Department. If you are wondering about the school's approach please contact me at the school at 715-352-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gulan".

Jeff Gulan

Principal

St. John the Baptist Catholic School