



Date: October 2, 2020  
To: Staff, School Board, All interested parties  
From: Supt. Greg Schmidt  
Subject: COVID Numbers and Learning Model

Upon reviewing the number of active COVID-19 cases in the five counties that comprise our district, digging deeper into where those cases are occurring, and holding a virtual meeting with members of the SWWC COVID-19 Regional Support Team (Countryside Public Health, the MN Department of Health (MDH) and the SWWC Service Cooperative) – **the decision has been made to continue with In-Person Learning for all K-12 students at LqPV for the week of October 5 – 9, 2020.**

Active case counts in all five of the counties (Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Stevens and Swift) have come down since last week, but are anticipated to rise next week according to members of the Regional Support Team. While there are increases in new cases in communities within these counties, there have been six new cases in communities within the Lac qui Parle Valley School District – a key factor in our decision to continue in-person learning. The statistics are updated weekly and as mentioned before, we pay closest attention to the active case data in the zip codes of the communities that make up our school district.

So far one student and two staff members in the Lac qi Parle school district have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past six weeks. Several students and adults have quarantined as a precautionary measure after coming into close contact with someone who has tested positive.

We believe that by emphasizing the precautions we have in place (sanitizing surfaces, social distancing, hand washing, staying home when not feeling well or experiencing symptoms, etc.), shoring up any gaps identified in our processes and procedures and with the continuing cooperation we've had with staff and students wearing masks, the Lac qui Parle Valley Schools may be able to continue in-person learning for the immediate future. However, active case counts are expected to change quickly – which would cause us to change our learning model quickly. Let's all pray that doesn't happen.

If you have questions or concerns about this memo, please feel free to contact Supt. Schmidt at [gschmidt@lqpv.org](mailto:gschmidt@lqpv.org)

Stay safe...

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