



# OCONTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Leaders & Learners . . . Today & Tomorrow”

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 16, 2021

The health and safety of our students are our priority. Unfortunately, we have had several positive COVID-19 cases at Oconto High School this week. We must temporarily close **Oconto High School** to protect our student’s and staff’s health. We understand this may be a hardship for families and is disruptive to student learning, but our students and staff’s health and safety must come first. We are working with the Oconto County Health Department to investigate the cases and are consulting published guidance from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If your child were a close contact with a confirmed case, our school district nurse would notify you with special instructions.

**The following will be the dates to remember.**

**TODAY Tuesday, February 16** --- Last day for in-person learning **at Oconto High School**. Students need to gather materials and Chromebooks for virtual learning.

**Wednesday, February 17** --- **NO SCHOOL DAY for HS students and HS staff** so our Custodial Department can use this day to do a thorough cleaning of the building and our staff to prepare to switch to a virtual learning model.

**Thursday, February 18** -- First day of Synchronous Virtual Learning Model for all HS students

**Friday, February 19** -- **NO SCHOOL DAY for ALL OUSD students** as teachers will be onsite for a scheduled Professional Development Day.

**Monday, February 22 - Friday, March 12** -- Synchronous Virtual Learning Model for all HS students.

**Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 19** -- **Spring Break**

**Monday, March 22** - All HS students will return to in-person learning.

Please remember that students' attendance during our virtual learning is mandatory and documented. Students should follow their regular schedule and log in to Zoom and use Google Classroom to work through their scheduled coursework. If a student is having connectivity issues please contact IT through our [help@oconto.k12.wi.us](mailto:help@oconto.k12.wi.us)

Even if your child is not identified as a close contact, you should watch for signs and [symptoms](#) of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, headache, body aches, chills, runny nose, congestion, loss of taste or smell, fatigue, trouble breathing, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Some people have mild to no symptoms. Some experience serious illness. The average time after exposure to develop symptoms is about five days, but symptoms can appear anywhere between 2 and 14 days after exposure (the incubation period).

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If your child develops any COVID-19 symptoms, contact your health care provider and request a COVID-19 test for your child. Find COVID-19 testing sites: <https://www.co.oconto.wi.us>.

The pandemic may last many more months. Your actions will affect how well our community prevents the spread of the virus. Everyone should take these steps:

- Stay close to home. Limit your interactions to a small circle of friends and family.
- [Wash your hands](#), cover your cough and keep up your best hygiene and sanitation.
- [Wear a mask](#) when you leave home.
- [Stay 6 feet apart](#) from others. Wear a mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of space.
- [Get tested](#) for COVID-19 if you are experiencing symptoms.

For more information about COVID-19, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>.