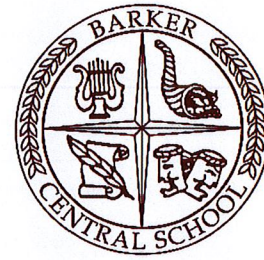


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2/5/2021

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians and Barker Learning Community,

The Barker Central School District has become aware of an Elementary staff member who has tested positive for COVID and was last present on 2/1/2021. Due to a high volume of current cases, the Niagara County Department of Health has not confirmed this case with the District and has not begun contact tracing. The affected individual is already in self-quarantine and will remain so until they are released by the Department of Health.

At this time, pursuant to known contact tracing guidelines, there is no risk of exposure within the school. Any individuals who might have been exposed outside of the school will be notified by the NCDoH and will be quarantined if appropriate. The infected individuals will follow all NCDoH protocols and will return to the building when allowed. We will continue to monitor the situation and work with health officials to determine whether there is a need for further actions. If additional measures are necessary, parents/legal guardians will be notified as soon as possible.

Also, we wanted to let the community know that although our winter sports have begun this week, we will unfortunately not be able to allow spectators to attend games or meets for our winter sports at this time. Only athletes, coaches, officials and supervisors will be allowed at contests and practices. We know that this is very disappointing for many in our community and we hope to be able to allow spectators at a later date. If this does become feasible we will certainly reach out to the community to let you know. Until that happens, you will be able to watch contests for swimming and basketball via a live stream feed that will be linked on the District webpage. All dates and times for games and meets can also be found on the District website.

On a final note, we just wanted to remind all of our families that the rules related to travel out of New York State that were provided before our Holiday Break are still in effect. If you plan to travel, please make sure you understand the testing and quarantine requirements by referring to the information on the District webpage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Reimer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jacob L. Reimer  
Superintendent