

## School Update on Covid-19 Related Items:

The LaMoure School is committed to keeping students in school as much as possible to deliver the education that is deserving of the students of LaMoure School. A few items to become aware of for the patrons of LaMoure School. There has been much change and regulation from the state as “new” information comes forth for schools to implement.

- LaMoure County is currently in the “Yellow” zone. Guidance we have been given from the state is that it is different for schools than it is for a business for operational purposes. The state believe the kids are safer and better off educationally in the school setting. There are many factors that go into the color code that we have no control over. We have witnessed this color code changing every two weeks and weekly. One of the factors in determining color is the amount of positive cases.
- When in yellow, we do require face masks in school when socially distancing is not possible. You are not considered socially distanced if you are within 6 feet of a person for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.
- If a person is not socially distanced and that person comes in contact with a person who has acquired the Covid-19 virus, they are to be in quarantine. If both people are wearing masks, the non-infected person does not have to quarantine, but monitor their symptoms.
- A big challenge for the entire staff has been working with students who are absent and will be absent for extended periods of time. This is not ideal for either the student or teacher. We are making efforts to keep this at a minimum so students are in school.
- The USDA has extended the free breakfast and lunch program to all students through June 30<sup>th</sup>. All students, grades K-12 will receive free meals at the school for the entire school year. If you have set up automatic payments for lunch payments this year, please alter that automatic payment system. We still encourage people to apply for the free or reduced meal program as that determines funding for next school year.
- Parent teachers conference will be held virtually this fall. The dates and time remain the same. 3:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. The dates are November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, (Tuesday & Wednesday). More information will follow on this on how this will be set up for you. Setting up K-6 compared to 7-12 conferences are different and have their challenges. If you are unable to do a virtual conference, please notify the school and will set another means for conferences.
- Please check the school facebook page or school web site for updated information. As changes occur, we want to make sure we give out accurate information before disbursing this to the public.
- As of this writing, most school activities will occur for the students, but will have limited attendance now. The NDHSAA govern activities such as football playoffs and volleyball post-season activities. As of this writing, student participants will be given two tickets for the events. The LaMoure School will implement a strategy for giving out these tickets not only for our patrons, but for the visiting teams. Guidance and procedures were given last Friday from the NDHSAA and will soon be posted for all to see. There is

a home football playoff game in LaMoure on Saturday that these guidance will be adhered to. Masks are required via NDHSAA rule for these events. District & Region volleyball dates will soon be determined.

- The school has worked with the Department of Health. Some of you are aware that some families have worked exclusively with the Department of Health and some have worked exclusively with the school. Some a combination of the two. It has been a learning experience for all in regards to procedure and notification. If there is a question, don't hesitate to contact the school to receive information.
- The school is possibly looking for people who can help in certain areas to help. The areas can include cleaning or specialty areas that you feel you can help in regards to Covid-19 pre-cautions. Contact the school if feel you can be of assistance.

I cannot emphasize enough to please take proper pre-cautions for yourself, your family, and those who you associate with. As you are aware, the cases in LaMoure County has spiked these past few days. As the numbers of Covid-19 cases get lower, the regulations set forth loosen up also. Also keep in mind as the regulation loosen, we wish to keep the risk level low also. So practicing safe and smart practices are key to keeping our students in school and doing the activities our students want to be involved with. This is a different point of time we are living in right now and we want to get through this safely and quickly. With everyone doing their part, we can make this a learning experience for all our students.

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