



[Date]

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is sent home from school today because they were experiencing the following symptoms (circle all that apply):

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/trouble breathing
- Fatigue
- New loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fever or chills
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body ache

Based on these symptoms and under the guidance of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, your child has symptoms consistent with novel coronavirus disease, or COVID-19.

### **Instructions for Your Sick Child**

Please keep your child home and work with the school to continue instruction while they are out. They can return to in-person instruction on \_\_\_\_\_ [release from isolation date] as long as their symptoms have improved (gotten better), and they have not had a fever for 24 hours prior to the listed date without the use of fever reducing medication.

**Having your child tested for COVID-19 may allow them to return to in-person instruction earlier than this date.** The test for COVID-19 involves a quick swab of the inside of the nose. Your child can be tested at your regular health care provider, a local clinic, at school by Prevea, or a community testing site. Tell the clinic about your child's symptoms and if they had close contact to someone who has COVID-19. Alternately, you can look for a community testing site near you at: [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm). Keep in mind that some community testing sites will not test children under a certain age. Call ahead to be sure your child can be tested.

If your child is tested, and the test result is positive for COVID-19, please contact the Health Department at 715-839-4718 and ask to speak to the Team Lead. They will guide you through next steps.

Because your child is having these symptoms, if your child is tested, and the result is negative for COVID-19, they can return to school (in-person instruction) when their symptoms have improved, and they have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Please call the school ahead of time to be sure it's okay for them to return to class.



If you seek medical care, and your child is diagnosed with something other than COVID-19, please follow your doctor's advice and provide a doctor's note to the school indicating the date when your child can safely return to school.

**We realize the burden this may place on your family, and we want to do what we can to keep you, your family, and others at the school safe and well.** If anyone in your household has needs that cannot be met during this isolation and self-quarantine period, please reach out to your local health department for guidance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Print name, Title]