

4-1-20 Message to Staff and Parents regarding Staff Member testing positive for COVID-19

Here's what we know:

Today, April 1, 2020, a staff member from Murray Park Quest Elementary tested positive for COVID-19 after not feeling well since last Wednesday, March 25, 2020 following their travel over Spring Break. We are aware that although the staff member does not live in Ripon, they did enter Murray Park Quest on Saturday, March 21, 2020 (12 days ago) at the end of Spring Break to pick up materials following the Governor's orders for the closure of all Wisconsin schools.

Here's what you need to know as a parent:

No parents or students have been allowed into Murray Park Quest since the last day of school March 13, 2020, the start of Spring Break. Since entering the building on March 21, 2020 (12 days ago), the staff member has not reentered the building. On Monday, March 23, 2020, the custodian at Murray Park Quest cleaned the building using the district's standard cleaning protocol. Any students who needed materials from the school did so through a curbside pick up on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Here's what you should do moving forward:

Please continue to practice social distancing and be aware of how you are feeling. *The Governor has asked for all playdates and social gatherings to end. Our students need to stay apart. Please help us protect them by reviewing the [Governor's Safer At Home FAQ](#).* The symptoms of COVID-19 vary from one case to the next. This staff member has given us permission to share that the staff member never had a fever, though the staff member did experience congestion and lost the ability to taste and smell. Also, if you test positive, it is important to let anyone you may have been in contact with know, just as this staff member has done.