

Hello St. Joseph School parents,

Please help us continue to track the spread of COVID in our school community. This information will help us monitor and determine that it is safe to re-open.

Also, I received this message from the Waconia School Nurse COVID Advisory Team.

*Even though we are not physically in school it is important that you still call in when your child is sick – especially if it is a confirmed or suspected COVID case. Here is why it is so important:*

- We need accurate data about the spread within our school communities as we make decisions on when or how to bring students back to in-person learning. Whether that's bringing in students who need a higher level of support in small groups, or getting all of our students back in the buildings, we need to understand what our district numbers look like to make an informed decision.*
- We also need data about who is being asked to quarantine at both the student and staff level to make sure our staffing numbers have stabilized when we want to bring students back into the buildings.*
- Our public health agencies at the state and county level are overwhelmed given the number of positive cases. School nurses are playing a crucial role in helping them do contract tracing and investigating and are far more likely to be able to answer your questions in a timely manner.*

Our School Nurse is here to help you and to answer questions, work through guidance, and support you. Please help us by keeping us informed when your child is sick.

Contact Marissa Clark, Nurse, at [mclark@stjosephwaconia.org](mailto:mclark@stjosephwaconia.org) or call 952-442-4500 ext. 138.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Richards".

**Bruce Richards**  
Principal