

# AU SABLE FORKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear AFES Families,

In response to some questions I have been asked regarding our ability to provide general information to our school community regarding COVID cases and/or student/faculty exposures from a known case, I wish to offer the following rationale for our current contact practices.

We understand that when COVID cases are suspected or potential exposures from a known case happen in our school it causes concern. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we take the precautionary measures set forth by the health departments to contact individual families regarding the necessity for their child to remain home for the designated period of time.

We want to be as transparent as we are able to be regarding cases or potential exposures in our schools while also maintaining confidentiality. Schools are bound by the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) guidelines which prohibit us from being able to provide personally identifiable or otherwise general information regarding school exposures that would result in the ability to identify impacted students. For this reason, we only contact those families whose child may have a potential exposure from a known case. It is possible that children in a classroom or on a bus did not have an elevated risk of exposure from a known case, therefore, their families will not be contacted.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly and I will answer your questions to the best of my ability within the confines of FERPA regulations.

Kind regards,  
Aimee Defayette

““Every student at AFES will become a successful member of society and will be afforded the opportunity to be educated in a way that prepares her or him for college”