

**September 25, 2020**

Dear Iowa County Families,

We hope that this letter finds you well and that the start of the school year has been successful. As a follow-up to our previous correspondence from August 21, 2020, available [here](#), we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to provide you with an update as it relates to our collective efforts to ensure the safety and well being of our students, staff, and communities.

On September 22, 2020, “Gov. Tony Evers declared a new public health emergency in Wisconsin due to a recent surge in cases among young people and issued a new face coverings order effective immediately. Executive Order #90 is available [here](#). Emergency Order #1 is available [here](#). Both orders are effective immediately and will expire after sixty days (November 21, 2020) or with a subsequent superseding order. The governor previously declared a public health emergency under Executive Order #82, which remains in effect.”

As a collective group, the school districts of Iowa County continue to meet regularly, share information and experiences, and examine data as it relates to COVID-19 in our communities. Several schools have already experienced situations that required a change to their instructional delivery models. These are never easy decisions to make, but through our efforts, we were able to address these situations swiftly and to learn from each other.

The Iowa County Health Department, Emergency Management, and the Iowa County School Districts are committed to working together so that we can provide great educational experiences with an emphasis on safety and well-being for all. We encourage you to assist us by engaging in best practices - maintain social distancing, wear face coverings, practice healthy hand hygiene, and be responsible. Please help us in sharing this message with friends and neighbors. Thank you in advance for your continued support and we wish you the very best.

*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. - Helen Keller*

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