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To keep our children healthy and engaged in learning

A message from State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures in schools

MADISON – State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly issued the following statement today relating to COVID-19 mitigation measures in K-12 schools.

“Earlier today, Wisconsin Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ryan Westergaard and Wisconsin State Health Officer Paula Tran [sent a letter to all district and school administrators in our state](#). The letter addressed the current surge in COVID-19 cases and provided further resources and support to implement layered mitigation measures.

“I fully support this letter and the strategies it recommends, and I call on all district and school administrators to follow these recommendations. As the state official entrusted with the quality of Wisconsin’s public education, I am proud to partner with the Department of Health Services, the state agency charged with protecting the health of all Wisconsin residents. We cannot keep our children engaged in learning if we cannot keep our children and our school staff healthy. To that end, in addition to calling on all school administrators to implement these mitigation measures, I also ask all Wisconsinites for their help in keeping our children and school staff healthy and safe. We must work together to achieve the common goal of healthy kids, healthy educators, and safe schools.”

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