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Hello Parents!

With the start of school just around the corner, we have lots of questions coming in. I'm going to attach several links to this email and you can pick and choose which ones you feel are important and relevant to your family.

Make a Plan MN helps families make a plan if a parent or guardian gets sick. It walks through things like childcare, medical needs, routines, school, legal matters, community and spirituality matters during hospitalization, isolation or quarantine.

<https://mn.gov/covid19/for-minnesotans/get-help/make-a-plan.jsp>

And, hot off the presses, the updated **MDH Decision Tree** will answer your questions regarding when to keep your children home from school. These are the protocols all public schools in Minnesota, including Prairie Creek, will follow for sending kids home and how long they need to stay home.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

And of course, we will all be wearing **face coverings** so here is some information on that.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=6Z9bd0vMZGU&feature=emb_logo

The guidance on **Face Shields** has been updated by MDH. We will provide a face shield to students who have a medical, behavioral, or developmental reason that makes wearing a face covering unreasonable. Again, masks are the default and offer better protection for preventing disease transmission but can be used if there is a documented valid medical, behavioral or developmental need.

And finally, on **Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:00 Northfield Public Schools will be hosting a webinar**. The purpose of this webinar is to provide families information about the MDH Decision Making Tree and discuss how long students need to stay home with various diagnoses/symptoms. This webinar will be led by a panel of school staff, local physicians and public health personnel. Watch your email closely for log-in information in the next 48-hours and listen along if you can. I know I will be listening.

Nurse Connie