

Dear Families,

Cloquet Public Schools will need to shift to a distance learning day for one day on March 26th due to anticipated staffing shortages. The shortages are being caused by illness/side effects from COVID vaccination. We apologize for the inconvenience this will undoubtedly cause families, but the closure is unavoidable. We will provide lunch to students using the same lunch bus stops that were in place during our districtwide distance learning period and food will be available for pick up at the main entry of each school building on this date. We will also be hosting a limited number of students for Tier I emergency childcare at our Zion site for families who qualify. Eligible families may sign up for the childcare by contacting Kids Corner at 879-0929. The eligibility criteria for Tier I emergency care are the same as during our last distance learning period. Families needing transportation to Tier I emergency care should contact Cloquet Transit in advance to make arrangements. Please be sure you have a spot secured with Kids Corner before contacting Transit for transportation. Cloquet Transit can be reached by calling 879-1291.

We are seeing high percentages of our staff experience short term illness/side effects from the second dose of the Moderna vaccine and are unable to work for 24-48 hours following their second dose. We have a very high number of staff receiving their second dose on March 25th and are anticipating severe staff shortages for March 26th. We have worked with local officials to move the vaccine clinics to the latest day in the week possible to minimize the disruption to schools and families. Review of staff shortages from previous weeks indicates this change is necessary for the safety of our students. **This is our last large group of 2nd dose recipients. We do not anticipate any further impact to school based on vaccination.**

The positive news is we are making excellent progress on vaccinating our staff. We have concluded our first doses for staff and have a very large majority of our staff who have received their 2nd doses.

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