

**Joint Press Release Between Polk County Health Department and
the School District of Osceola**

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA TO RESUME WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

The School District of Osceola and the Polk County Health Department, in collaboration with local, state and federal partners, have determined that school will reopen in Osceola tomorrow, Wednesday, March 11, 2020. All necessary environmental cleaning and other public health recommendations have been completed.

Polk County Public Health does not believe there is currently community spread of the Coronavirus in Polk County.

Based on guidance from the CDC, state health department and Polk County Health Department, students, parents and staff who participated in the Destination Imagination event are considered to be low risk for COVID-19. This assessment is based on the symptoms the individual experienced at the time and the activities the individual engaged in while at the event. The individual was not coughing at the event, nor did the individual have any prolonged conversations with anyone but the individual's family.

The School District of Osceola decided to close because the areas where the individual visited in the schools were large rooms that required time to disinfect. At this time no Osceola Staff member or student is identified as infected with COVID-19. We will keep the community apprised as we monitor the situation.

The recommendations for low-risk individuals are to self-monitor for fever and symptoms and to self-isolate and contact their local health department and their provider if symptoms appear. There is no recommendation for self-isolation if there are no symptoms. Children who attended this event may continue to attend school as long as they do not develop symptoms. Anyone considered to be more than low risk would be contacted individually by their public health department for further assessment.

In Wisconsin, please call 211 if you have questions for the health department.

For Minnesota based cell phones (those without a 715 area code) please call 1-877-947-2211.

Continue to monitor the Polk County Health Department website for updates;
<http://www.polkcountyhealthdept.org/>