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# Burlington schools move online temporarily after staff experiences side effects from COVID-19 vaccine

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The Burlington Community School District moved classes online for the day after staff members got sick from their second COVID-19 vaccine. On Friday, half of the school district received their second dose of the vaccine.

The district was aware of the possible side effects that could accompany the second dose. Burlington's Superintendent, Patrick Coen, said the school prepared by sending out a virtual survey for staff members.



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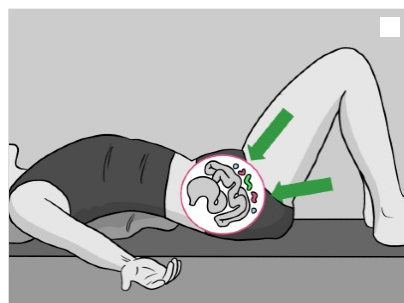
Due to a portion of our staff receiving the second Covid-19 vaccination, we have some staff members who are unwell. We will be pivoting the entire district to a virtual learning day for tomorrow, March 1, 2021.

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"We had a spot on the [survey] where the teacher said 'I am sick and I can teach virtually' or they could pick 'I am sick and I cannot teach virtually'. A majority of our staff who reported being sick said they still could teach virtually," said Coen.



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Director of Des Moines County Health, Christa Poggemiller, says these symptoms are completely normal.

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"I think it's important for people to remember that part of the process of getting a vaccine like this is your body will have a response, to build up those antibodies," explained Poggemiller, "and that's important because it's going to prevent having a more serious illness."

Superintendent Coen hopes the schools can resume in-person learning Tuesday, and says the faculty who have not received their second dose yet will be able to in the next few weeks.