

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

From Your Superintendent

November 17, 2020

EMERGENCY ORDER CLOSING HIGH SCHOOL TO FACE TO FACE INSTRUCTION

On Sunday evening a new Emergency Order was issued under the Michigan Public Health Code that impacted all Michigan schools. As part of this order, all high schools are closed to face to face instruction beginning on Wednesday, November 18th. They will remain closed through Tuesday, December 8th. School is scheduled to resume on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. In addition, all extra-curricular activities and athletics are suspended for **ALL** K-12 students.

The order left in-person instruction for students in grades K-8 up to the local district. We are not facing the same conditions as some of our neighboring districts that will be choosing to have all their students participate in distance learning. As we look at our situation, we currently have only one employee in quarantine. We do have some students who are quarantined because of having been in close contact with someone who has tested positive or who are home for at least 10 days because they exhibited COVID symptoms. At this time I am not aware of any student or staff member who currently has a positive diagnosis of COVID -19.

We will be continuing face to face instruction for K-8 students until conditions prevent us from continuing. Closing could be the result of another Emergency Order or too many students and/or staff unable to be in school. I hope this does not happen. I checked with Dr. Jennifer Morse, Medical Director for the Central Michigan District Health Department, who assured me that keeping students in school doing face to face instruction is what she would recommend we continue to do as long as possible. Dr. Morse meets virtually with all area superintendents every Thursday providing the latest statistics on COVID 19.

School will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday beginning Wednesday, November 25th. **School will resume for students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade on Monday, November 30th.**

There is growing concern that gatherings over the Thanksgiving holiday may lead to another spike in COVID cases which could lead to more schools having to close. We are working hard to be prepared should this happen. If you have a student in K-8th grade please return your Technology Checkout Agreement that was sent home on Monday. This will greatly speed up the process of getting devices and/or hotspots to those who need them.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Shirley