



WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To All Staff, Parents, Students and Community:

The West Iron County Public Schools has been working along side the Dickinson-Iron Health Department and at this point and time, they are strongly recommending due to the community spread and increasing number of school occurrences that the school not hold any face-to-face activities on campus through October 9th. This is a statement sent directly from the Dickinson-Iron Health Department on September 25th:

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department has been monitoring the Covid-19 activities in the Iron County during this pandemic. We have seen a large spike in cases within the last two weeks. In the past week alone, we have seen the case counts climb by 82 within the county. There have been cases affiliated with both students and staff at our local schools. The community is also exhibiting community spread at an alarming rate.

Although the District is still waiting for the Chromebooks to come in to get every student on 1:1 computing, the district is going to initiate our remote learning on Tuesday, September 29th. Please look for announcements from the school and/or your child's teacher early next week.

We need to persevere through these turbulent times, and focus on putting this behind us. We need to do so by please following the recommendations set for by the Health Department and CDC:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home, if possible.
- If you must go out, practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Avoid gatherings that include more than 10 people.

If you would like to learn more about COVID-19, the following links are reliable and accurate sources for information:

[CDC COVID-19Information](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

[Talking to Children About COVID-19](https://www.didhd.org)
www.didhd.org

Sincerely,

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