



WEST IRON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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West Iron County Parents, Staff, Students, and Community,

In a new [Emergency Order](#) under the Michigan Public Health Code ([MCL 333.2253](#)), MDHHS Director Robert Gordon has further limited gatherings in the State of Michigan. Under the new order, **all in-person activities for students in grades 9-12 are suspended**. Districts may continue to educate high school students through distance learning, but **may not offer extra-curricular activities or athletics in-person for any grades**. The order further limits in-person gatherings for PreK-8 students to instruction only, leaving the decision about in-person PreK-8 instruction to the local district and health department.

Districts may, however, continue to offer in-person instruction at any grade level for special education students and English language learners.

These restrictions are in place starting **Wednesday, November 18 through Tuesday, December 8** (three weeks). **This means the last day of in-person instruction for general education high school students must be Tuesday, November 17, 2020.**

To summarize, between November 18 and December 8:

- *In-person instruction for 9-12 graders is suspended with the exception of special education or English language learners
 - *If you have questions regarding special education exceptions, please contact your child's building principal or primary special education teacher. The exception is for academic and core class support**
- *K-12 athletics (practice and competition) and extra-curricular activities are suspended*
- *PreK-8 in-person instruction is permitted at the discretion of the local district and health department*
- *Buildings may be used for basic services such as:*
 - *Food distribution*
 - *Internet facilitation for students*
 - *Please contact your building administrator to see how this will be provided*

- *Health care/mental health services*
- *Child care*
- *GSRP and early childhood education is still permitted*

If you have any questions regarding the order or your son or daughters status under the order, please contact your child's building principal or the administrative office at 265-9218.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Thomson
Superintendent