

November 19, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

On Sunday, November 15, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a <u>three-week epidemic order</u>. The order requires us to pause certain activities, including in-person learning for high school students, for three weeks. See this <u>infographic</u> to learn more.

To comply with this order, we will not resume in-person learning until after the order expires. **Our current plan is to resume in-person learning on December 10.** We will carefully monitor our local positivity rates of COVID-19 to determine if a longer closure is needed to keep everyone safe.

While this is disappointing for all of us, we continue to learn of staff and students who are ill or in quarantine for COVID-19. Yesterday, I was notified that a person from our Construction Trades program tested positive. This person was last on the construction site working outside on November 12. Three others from the program worked closely with this person outside and wore masks, yet they were within six feet of the person and have been notified to self-quarantine.

Our remote learning program is well underway and all students have received specific direction from their teachers. All programs require real-time, online learning activities with each group of students on their normal in-person days. **Students are expected to be present and engaged in these real-time learning activities.** Please talk with your teen about what they are learning in their program.

As a reminder, Public Health-Muskegon County has said it is important to continue limiting social gatherings and following the recommendations to wash our hands often, cover coughs and sneezes, avoid touching our faces, wear face coverings, and stay at least six feet away from others who do not live within our household.

If you have any questions about remote learning or other concerns, call me on my cell at 231-740-9084 or email kfiebig@muskegonisd.org. For answers to your COVID-19 questions, please call the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, Public Health-Muskegon County at 231-724-1203, or visit <u>Michigan.gov/coronavirus</u>. Visit this site for <u>testing information</u>.

Sincerely,

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