



## Springport Public Schools



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

There are a couple of things I would like to share with you.

First, during this past weekend I learned that an additional staff member tested positive for COVID-19 and several others were in close contact with someone who is. A close contact is anyone who spends 15 minutes or more during a 24 hour period within 6 feet of someone. This additional information means that rather than return for face to face instruction on Monday, November 23 as previously expected, **students will return on Monday, November 30.**

Secondly, on Sunday evening the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued an Emergency Order that **suspends through Tuesday Dec. 8:**

- in-person instruction for 9-12 graders with the exception of special education
- K-12 athletics (practice and competition) and extra-curricular events

The order also states that:

- PreK-8 in-person instruction is permitted at the discretion of the local district and health department
- Buildings may be used for food distribution; internet facilitation for students; healthcare/mental health services; childcare
- GSRP and early childhood education is still permitted

This MDHHS order, which can be accessed here <http://gomasa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020.11.15-Masks-and-Gatherings-order-final.pdf> allows us to continue educating students in grades PreK-8; which we will do after this period of quarantining ends. **Grade 9-12 students will be able to return to campus on Wednesday, Dec. 9.** The Spartan Den Daycare remains open.

We are continuing to deliver meals via buses and provide internet access on these dates at these locations: around 11:00am on Thursday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 23 to: Pope United Methodist Church; N. Parma Church, Devereaux Rd; Clarence Township Hall; Grace Freewill Baptist Church; Spring Harbor Mobile Home Park; and Springport High School at the west Gym entrance.

Wi-Fi internet connection is available while the buses are at the N. Parma Church; Spring Harbor Mobile Home Park; and Grace Freewill Baptist Church. Wi-Fi internet connection is available 24/7 in the parking lots of each school building; the Springport Speedway, Pope United Methodist Church, Clarence Township Hall and the Devereaux store front. Use password **Spartans20** when **SPSBus** pops up.



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Confidentiality for any employee or student who is in close contact is protected so that information will not be shared. As we have all along, we are following the guidance of the Jackson County Health Department. Any staff and students who were identified to be in close contact and should be quarantined will be sent a letter notifying them. Additionally, in order to speed up the communication between school and home school offices and teachers have been doing their best to telephone and email as well.

You are being informed so that you too are aware of this and so that you'll keep an eye on your family members for any signs of COVID-19 related symptoms. Symptoms include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache and fatigue. If you see any of these in a family member you should contact your health care provider.

If you feel the need for additional information please contact either your child's school office or me.

Sincerely,

Bob Cassidy, Superintendent