



G-A Families,

The Galesburg-Augusta Board of Education updated & reconfirmed our Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan during the school board meeting last evening.

Our PreK-7th grade students (Gold cohort) will return to face to face learning this Thursday (11/19) and Friday (11/20). The Enhancement Center will be open for the Cardinal Cohort.

In accordance with the new executive order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, all high schools must switch to virtual learning beginning Wednesday, November 18th. Our 8th - 12th grade students will be learning virtually now through December 8th. All athletic and extracurricular events are suspended. The high school will remain closed to students, but the office will continue to take calls/messages and get back to those who need assistance during this time.

Michigan has seen fewer outbreaks associated with elementary and middle schools, and MDHHS has left the decision for PreK-7th learning up to local health officials and school districts. Given the significant increase in community spread of the coronavirus throughout Kalamazoo County, the Galesburg-Augusta Board of Education voted last evening to close all face to face learning for students as follows:

**For the week of Thanksgiving & the following week:**

- **PreK-7th grades** will learn 100% virtually on **Monday, November 23rd & Tuesday November 24th**, as well as the week after Thanksgiving, **November 30th - December 4th**.
- **Daycare will be available** to families through the shutdown.
- **8-12th grades** will continue learning **virtually through December 8th**.

**PreK-7th grades will return to hybrid learning on December 7th, and 8-12th grades on December 10th.**

To help families with daycare needs, our Learning Center will be open the three days before Thanksgiving, Monday (11/21), Tuesday (11/22) and Wednesday (11/23), as well as November 30th - December 4th. We will be providing daycare at a reduced rate of \$20 per day. To enroll in the daycare program, please email our director, Mrs. Turner at: [jillian.turner@garams.org](mailto:jillian.turner@garams.org).

**Meal Distribution:** Breakfast and lunches will be provided as we've done during previous shutdowns. **Tuesday, November 24th** and **Wednesday, December 2nd**, we will deliver 5 days worth of food to our afternoon bus stops. Please watch for updated information on our website & Facebook pages.

Clearly the purpose of the shut down is to try and slow the spread of the virus throughout our community. It is important that our students do not socialize with others outside their main families. Returning to school covid-free is what will help us keep school open again.

Please be sure your child/children continue to log into their Google Classroom or Seesaw and Zoom into instruction each and every hour. If students aren't available at the time of the live streamed lessons, be sure to have them watch the videos and complete their assignments. It's not the easiest thing to do, learning from home, but right now it is the safest and we need to keep moving forward despite the pandemic.

We have posted our full updated Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan on our website in the Covid-19 Information section.

Thank you & please stay well,

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Superintendent  
Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools