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On the evening of Tuesday, November 24, 2020 the Adams Central School Board met to discuss the potential spike in COVID-19 cases expected to take place after the Thanksgiving holiday break. Current data indicates that holiday travel will be a least 50% of the travel compared to Thanksgiving last year.

At this time, please be advised that Adams Central will be closed on Monday, November 30. Monday, Nov. 30 will now be added as a makeup day at the end of the school year. Staff and students are scheduled to have virtual learning on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and again on Wednesday, Dec. 2. All in-person instruction is expected to resume beginning on Thursday, Dec. 3. Additional information regarding virtual learning procedures, ECAs, and the sack lunch distribution process will be sent out later this week.

Should widespread exposure occur, it is expected that symptoms will surface well into the week following Thanksgiving Break. By returning to campus too prematurely, we could inadvertently expose a high number of students and staff to the anticipated spike in COVID-19 cases.

It is always our goal to keep our doors open for in-person instruction; however, the challenges of holiday gatherings pose a threat to increased spread of illness. It is because of this concern and support from Dr. Ainsworth at the Adams County Health Department that Adams Central has made this very difficult decision to delay the return to in-person instruction. Again, at this time our plan is for all students to return to campus for in-person instruction on Thursday, December 3.

Please know that keeping our students and staff healthy is at the forefront of all decisions. Decisions such as today's announcement are always made based on caution and recommendations from both state and local health experts. On behalf of the Adams Central School Board, school administration and staff, I want to thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we continue to maneuver through this time of global pandemic.

Joel D. Mahaffey

Superintendent

