

December 2, 2020

EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

It has been a busy week of planning and preparing for the temporary pivot to distance learning and your patience is greatly appreciated. I know this is a very stressful time for everyone involved and greatly appreciate your flexibility. Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

THANK YOU!

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COVID-19 Case Numbers - The most recent [MN 14-Day Case Rate by County](#) was released on 11.27.20 and the numbers in Polk County continue to grow. The latest 14-day number for Polk County is **263.37** and a decrease is not predicted for this week. The following spreadsheets contain school district positive case data from the beginning of the school year through November 23 (page one) and November 30 (page two). You can see where the total number of positive COVID cases in the school district grew by 49 from November 12 through November 30. Case numbers throughout the region continue to grow and community spread is evident. I am hopeful that the case numbers will level off soon and start to decline.

East Grand Forks ISD 595 Positive COVID-19 Case Data as of 11.23.20						
	New Heights	South Point	CMS	Senior High	District Wide	Total
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20	3	6	10	22	0	41
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20	6	3	5	10	2	26
Total Positive COVID Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20	9	9	15	32	2	67
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	9	9	16	18	0	52
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	5	0	5	3	0	13
Total Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/23/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	14	9	21	21	0	65
Grand Total of Positive Cases	23	18	36	53	2	132
Case Number Increases from 11.12 to 11.23.20	3	6	10	11	2	32

East Grand Forks ISD 595 Positive COVID-19 Case Data through 11.30.20						
	New Heights	South Point	CMS	Senior High	District Wide	Total
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20	4	6	15	23	0	48
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20	8	4	6	9	1	28
Total Positive COVID Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20	12	10	21	32	1	76
NOT IN SCHOOL						
Student Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	11	12	15	19	0	57
Staff Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	5	1	5	3	2	16
Total Positive Cases from 9/8/20 to 11/30/20 - NOT IN SCHOOL	16	13	20	22	2	73
Grand Total of Positive Cases	28	23	41	54	3	149
Case Number Increases from 11.12 to 11.30.20	5	5	5	1	1	17

School Learning Model Decision - EGF ISD 595 transitioned to a temporary distance learning period this week and every grade level will officially be in distance learning tomorrow. The District's short-term goal is to bring all students back to school in model two (In-Person for Grades PK-5 and Hybrid for Grades 6-12) on Monday, December 14, 2020. A special school board meeting will be held remotely via Zoom to discuss the learning model decision at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The full meeting agenda and other viewing information will be posted on Friday, December 4, 2020.

"Meal to Go" Program- The meals distribution program started this week and will continue through the distance learning period. Please go to [EGF Child Nutrition - Menus](#) to find more information about the meal distribution program and feel free to contact the district office at 218-773-3494 if you have any questions. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of the staff members who have worked very hard to make this program a success!

Safe Kids GF Information - Please go to the following links to read the last two newsletters from Safe Kids GF which contain some helpful winter tips. We have been spoiled by the extended fall weather conditions, but I am pretty sure it will not last forever.

- [Safe Kids GF November Newsletter](#)
- [Safe Kids GF December Newsletter](#)

Reporting Absences and COVID Information REMINDER - It is very important for families to continue to report student absences and COVID related information to the school district during the distance learning period. Our goal is to be able to bring students back to the buildings safely on December 14, 2020, but it will not be able to happen without a real team effort. Please continue to communicate absences to the individual building offices and feel free to contact members of the COVID intake group or district office if you have any questions or concerns.

