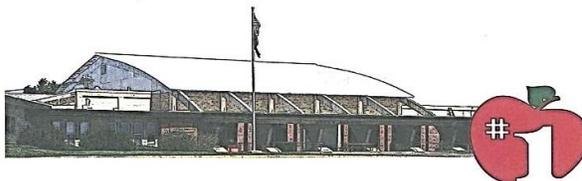


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December 5, 2020

Dear Dufur School parents, staff and community members:

Today, we received notification that multiple Dufur School students have tested positive for COVID-19. While we must protect the privacy of the people involved, we believe it is best to communicate transparently with you so you can make well-informed decisions for your family. There is nothing more important to Dufur School than the safety and health of our students, our staff and their families. We are working directly with county health officials to address this situation.

After consulting with the North Central Public Health Department, we have made the decision to return to Comprehensive Distance Learning through December 18. Our goal is to return to school on January 4, whether or not we are able to return on that date will depend on the community spread of Covid-19 at that time. Please have your students log in to Google Classroom on Monday Dec. 7 for directions on their educational program. We anticipated that we may be in and out of school through this period of time, and are confident that we are well prepared to continue to provide a quality education through Comprehensive Distance Learning.

As more cases are being confirmed across the state, including in our community, we must be vigilant. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you or any member of your family exhibits these symptoms, please contact your medical provider for advice immediately. Symptoms usually appear 2-14 days after exposure. The CDC recommends the following best practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay at home when you are sick.
- Practice social distancing, leaving at least six feet between you and other people.
- Wear a cloth mask in public when you cannot social distance.

Our greatest priority is the safety of our students, staff and community members. It is important to remember that children are greatly influenced by the reactions of adults when facing difficult circumstances. I encourage everyone to remain calm and to be empathic and respectful to those affected. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you and your family, especially as we face this challenging situation together.

Thank you for your support of the Dufur School District.

Sincerely,

Jack Henderson, Superintendent