

South Lewis Central School District

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Dear South Lewis School Community:

Due to a new positive case reported today again connected to Port Leyden Elementary School, in addition to the previous cases connected to and impacting Port Leyden Elementary, the District has made the decision to close Port Leyden Elementary for in-person instruction through December 22, 2020. At this time we would plan to resume in-person instruction at Port Leyden on Monday, January 4, 2021. No other buildings or district operations are currently impacted.

While there is only a small number of cases connected to Port Leyden, with no spread being connected to the school, the large number of both students and staff being required to quarantine have forced this decision upon us.

In the fully remote model, students will attend school remotely each day. This is different from the every other day model that is in place for in-person instruction. Therefore, please take note that Port Leyden Elementary remote learning will take place each day for both Cohort A and Cohort B. Remote learning schedules have previously been provided via hard copies given to students, mailings sent home and/or are in each teacher's communication platform such as Google Classroom and/or Class Dojo that students/parents have access to.

Meal services will continue for those families who wish to have them provided via a sign-up system. While we are working out the final details, you can expect to pick up a week's worth of meals at the school on a designated time and day each week. Meals will not be delivered to homes. A separate communication will be going to Port Leyden families in the near future outlining how meal services will operate during the closure period.

For any positive cases, District officials are working with Public Health and reviewing the close and proximate contacts for the purpose of the contact tracing process. Any individuals at-risk for exposure will be contacted by Public Health and will likely be quarantined. If you are contacted by Public Health, please follow any guidelines and directions provided.

We hope you understand that due to privacy laws, we cannot provide any additional information about the individual who tested positive or about those that may have been exposed. We appreciate your patience and flexibility while we work to protect the health, welfare and safety of our students and staff while complying with any government orders and guidance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the building directly, or the District office. Be well and be safe.

Sincerely,



Douglas Premo
Superintendent of Schools