



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Good evening East Palestine families. This is Mr. Neifer, EPCSD Superintendent.

I wanted to inform everyone that our plans have changed due to a couple of positive Covid 19 cases that we were informed of today. These cases have led to a handful of quarantines for students and staff at the middle school and high school. This creates a situation where we cannot properly staff those 2 buildings. Those issues combined with the rise in cases in our state and local community have forced us to make the decision to shut down the school district at this time.

Therefore, we will be going to our [Tier 3 Remote Learning Plan](#) for all students starting on Monday, December 14th, through Friday, December 18th. We will then enjoy our Christmas break and start the new year on Monday, January 4th with [Tier 3 Remote Learning Plan](#) as well. The plan is to return to face to face classes on Monday, January 11th. There will be NO SCHOOL of any kind for East Palestine students tomorrow, Friday, December 11th. On short notice staff did their best to send students home with all necessary materials today.

We will also be stopping all MS/HS athletic and extracurricular activities during this time. Practices will resume on December 21st, and contests will resume on Monday January 11th.

The meal pick-up program will also be suspended at this time due to staffing issues. We will begin providing meals again on Monday, January 4th. Please sign up on the district website by Thursday, December 31st.

Anyone that has not made themselves familiar with the [Tier 3 schedules](#) and expectations can find them on the district website. Again, there will be no school tomorrow and remote learning will begin on Monday. Thank you for your continued cooperation as we navigate through these tough times.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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