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Tecumseh Family,

During the last two weeks of school, we have seen a sharp increase in the number of COVID cases at Tecumseh Middle School with nineteen students and three adults testing positive in that time span. Earlier today, I was in communication with members of the Pottawatomie County Health Department. They advised that these high numbers are indicative of an outbreak at TMS which gives a strong cause for concern. Because of this increase in numbers and after careful consideration, Tecumseh Middle School students will be moving to distance learning for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week – October 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Fall Break is scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, so students will not have classes on those days. The current plan calls for Tecumseh Middle School students to return to in-person instruction on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. I believe that moving TMS to distance learning during these three days will lessen the number of potential exposures and reduce the number of new cases for our students, staff members, and families.

Distance learning will take place daily via our learning management system, Canvas. Each student will log in daily and meet the requirements established by Tecumseh Middle School for attendance. Teachers will be in communication through Canvas and can assist in answering specific questions regarding your child's daily learning. Please reach out to your child's teacher through Canvas or other communication methods if you have any needs.

During this time of distance learning, district workers will sanitize and deep clean the facility. We will also continue to follow the guidance given by the state and county health departments and the CDC in regards to mitigation of the spread of COVID-19.

This change in instruction to distance learning will affect Tecumseh Middle School students only at this time. All other school sites will remain in session with in-person instruction. We will communicate with you about any changes to this plan as new information is available. We appreciate your understanding and your flexibility in this matter. Please note that this decision is not made lightly, but, rather, with the safety of our students, staff members, and community in mind. Thank you for your support of Tecumseh Public Schools.

Regards,

Robert H. Kinsey  
Superintendent  
Tecumseh Public Schools