



Mount Union Area School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We regret to inform you that the Mount Union Area School District will be moving to remote instruction beginning Monday, February 1, 2021 and will remain on remote through Wednesday, February 3, 2021. MUASD will return to face-to-face learning on Thursday, February 4, 2021, provided cases do not continue to increase in our local area and school district.

Our move to remote learning has been prompted by an increase in cases in our District. We have had five positive cases since last Friday including two cases at the senior high, two cases at Shirley Township and one case at Kistler Elementary. By closing the buildings until next Thursday, this will allow the buildings to sit empty over the weekend and then be deep cleaned Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

All students should begin logging into Microsoft Teams on Monday, February 1, 2021. They will follow their normal schedule including small group instruction. Assignments and assessments will be graded and included in report card calculations. Attendance will also be recorded. **If we would experience inclement weather during this closure, we will continue with remote instruction already in place.**

We apologize for the inconvenience that this causes, but we must do what is best for our students and staff members' health and safety. It continues to be our goal to have our students face-to-face for the best educational experience. This requires all of us working together to prevent Covid-19 from entering and spreading in our school buildings.

Our staff continues to go above and beyond to ensure safety protocols are being followed to keep your students safe when they are here. We are imploring parents to do your part to ensure the health and safety of our school community by keeping your students at home when they are ill or if they have been a close contact to a positive case. All students should be sent to school with appropriate face coverings. If it is suspected that anyone in your home may have Covid-19, your students should not be sent to school until the sick person has been tested or seen by a doctor and given medical advice. As a District, we continue to follow the safest recommendation of having close contacts quarantine 14 days and household contacts quarantine 24 days.

Bagged breakfast and lunches will not be available on these remote days. Free lunches for those 18 years of age and younger will resume on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at each of our school buildings from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

All sports and extracurricular activities including practices will be cancelled through Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Activities will resume Thursday, February 4, 2021.

Students who attend HCCTC are responsible for completing all remote learning assignments. Please contact an instructor if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of our District. We look forward to welcoming your students back to school on Thursday, February 04, 2021.

Sincerely,

The MUASD Administration

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