



Mount Union Area School District

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Move to Full Remote Instruction

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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 Thursday, November 19, 2020 and will remain on remote through Friday, December 4, 2020. MUASD will return to face-to-face learning on Monday, December 7, 2020, provided cases do not continue to increase in our local area and school district. It is our hope that by remaining on remote until December 7 that anyone who may have contracted Coronavirus during family gatherings will be displaying symptoms by that time and will not unknowingly bring it in to our buildings.

We do understand the negative effects this has on all involved. At this point, we believe we must do what we can to protect our students and staff as our numbers increase in the state and within our schools. We currently have two positive student cases at the high school and three positive staff cases at our elementary schools. We have more students who are displaying symptoms and staff who have had to test due to exposures elsewhere. Coverage for classrooms of quarantined staff has become an obstacle we can no longer continue to overcome.

All students should begin logging into Microsoft Teams tomorrow. They will follow their normal schedule including small group instruction. Assignments and assessments will be graded and included in report card calculations.

As a district, we are proud of our staff for going above and beyond to provide our students with the best education possible. These individuals have been placing their own health and the health of their families at risk to educate, support, feed, and maintain buildings for our students. Our team has fought the good fight to remain in school, but at this point we believe we need to take a remote timeout to allow everyone to regroup to fight again another day. Please show your support to these heroes.

Please remember that our district will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 25th. We will not be in session on November 26, 27, 30 and December 1 in observance of the Thanksgiving break.

Bagged breakfast and lunches will be available on remote school days at each of our school buildings from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. These meals are free and available for anyone aged 18 and under. You do not need to pre-order. Meals will not be available over the Thanksgiving break.

We want to thank you for your continued support and for your efforts to keep our students and staff healthy by following all protocols. Please continue to follow health and safety protocols so that our local transmission rates slow and we can return to in-person instruction on December 7, 2020.

We wish your families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
The MUASD Administration

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