



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families and Staff;

We have received direction regarding new restrictions issued by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services outlining a three-week pause beginning Wednesday, November 18th through Tuesday, December 8th. These restrictions require remote learning for all students in grades 9 through 12. School sporting events and practices have also been suspended during this time.

Beginning Wednesday, November 18th all student in grades 9 through 12 will be learning from home and will be required to login daily to their Canvas accounts to receive direction from their teachers. We are working on establishing expectations for all 9-12 students during this period. Further details will be forthcoming.

MHS students will be directed to bring their devices and other learning materials home with them at the end of the school day Tuesday. Any families requiring assistance with reliable internet connectivity for the purposes of online learning are asked to reach out to our Tech Department at: kblakeyshell@manistee.org.

Students in Preschool and Kindergarten through grade 8, currently learning in-person, will continue to learn in-person during this three-week pause. Bus transportation will continue to follow the current schedule. Should you prefer to keep your student home during this time, please contact the administrator of your student's school.

The Paine Aquatic Center will remain open, allowing use at 25% of capacity. Community members wishing to use the pool will be asked to maintain 12' of social distance in the aquatic center.

Grab & Go meals will continue to be distributed at MMHS for all students age 18 and under from 9:00 am until 10:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays each week, with exception of the week of the 23rd when meals will be distributed on Monday and Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The health and safety of all members of our MAPS community remains our top priority. We will continue to closely monitor developments through our work with local and state agencies and will be seeking guidance from the District #10 Health Department regarding appropriate measures for COVID-19. You will be provided with updates via email and the district website as information becomes available and decisions are made.

We thank all of you for your understanding and cooperation as we receive directives pertaining to the COVID-19 virus in order to make the best decisions for all members of our school community.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools