



Kalkaska Public Schools

Terry J. Starr, Superintendent

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Dear KPS Parents/Caregivers and School Community,

As has already been communicated, COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the community and has entered the schools. Two key focus areas are the schools of Cherry Street and Kalkaska Middle School. Due to the closeness of our community and other spread factors our entire district is affected at this time. Paying attention to these factors, please be aware of the following Kalkaska Public Schools response plan in order to best mitigate the spread of the virus:

- All school buildings will transition to at-home virtual learning for the remainder of this school week; October 28th through October 30th.
- Monday, November 2nd is a District Provided Professional Development day for our teachers, no in-person or virtual learning on this day.
- Students at Birch Street Elementary, Rapid City Elementary and Kalkaska High School may return to in-person learning Tuesday, November 3rd.
- Students at Cherry Street Intermediate and Kalkaska Middle School will remain in at-home virtual learning through Friday, November 6th and will return to in-person learning Monday, November 9th.

Factors that directly affect these decisions include:

- The number of staff available in buildings to meet the needs of students, and
- Guidelines from the health department in terms of necessary days of quarantine.

Please note that any KHS athletic team that is headed into state playoff competition may resume practice/preparation pending coaches and players pass the daily screening test and are not required to quarantine/isolate. Also, all KHS Career Tech Center students may resume classes at the Tech Center Wednesday, October 28th. The bus to the Tech Center leaves at 11:50 a.m. promptly.

Thank you for your attention to this message. Although we were hopeful to provide year-long seamless in-person instruction, we now transition as best we can to temporary at-home virtual education.

Sincerely,

Terry J. Starr, Superintendent