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November 19, 2020

Dear Staff and Community,

The COVID case counts in Carlton County, the region, the state, and our community continue to climb. We are at a point where we cannot move back into an in-person or hybrid learning plan without assuming too great a risk to the health and safety of our staff, students and community. We expect tomorrow's two-week case rate for Carlton County to be well above 100 cases per 10,000 residents, and we continue to see multiple cases in our school as well.

The Barnum School District will be extending the Distance Learning Model indefinitely, at least through January 8, 2021, with the earliest return date of January 11, 2021. Our communities need to get the spread under control before we can move back to in-person or hybrid instruction. The district will notify families of any changes to the learning model, and the date on which it will begin, with as much advance notice as possible, so families have reasonable time to plan for changes. Please regularly monitor your email, the website and our Facebook page for any changes to this plan.

Current COVID-related information on School District operations:

- There will be a small group of students who will be able to access the building for limited in-person instruction in both buildings, as allowed by the MDE/MDH Safe Learning Plan. More information will be provided to those students and families.
- Required by Emergency Executive Order 20-99, all in-person activities, including practices, group workouts, games, and tournaments, must be completed or stopped effective 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020. The Barnum Schools will have no practices/games/events until after January 4, 2021. Please contact our school AD with any other questions.
- During distance learning, if your child develops symptoms, is being tested, has been notified they are a close contact of a positive person, or has a positive COVID-19 test, please continue to report this information to our school nurse, Melissa Johnson, at mjohnson@isd91.org or 218-389-6976, ext. 1017. This helps us monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our learning community.
- We will continue to provide Tier 1/Essential worker daycare to qualifying households, and we will continue to provide meal pick-up for those who have requested it. Meal pick-up days are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

We want our students in our buildings for in-person learning every day, yet we must be mindful of our student, staff, and community health. Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we work through this situation. We look forward to resuming in-person learning as soon as we safely can.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike McNulty - Superintendent

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