



Grant Community High School District 124

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Dear Grant Community High School Staff and Families,

With the Governor's announcement yesterday that we are moving to [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations](#) to curb COVID-19 increases, I wanted to reach out and provide an update regarding our learning mode and after school activities.

As you well know, we have been in an "Adaptive Pause" to in-person learning since October 26th at the recommendation of the Lake County Health Department (LCHD). Unfortunately, health metrics for the local community, region, and state have gotten far worse, rather than better. As mentioned in my last communication, a formal update will be forthcoming next week regarding our learning plans for November 30th and beyond. However, we all need to recognize the likelihood of health metrics supporting a return to blended learning in the near term is not likely. Our goal remains to get students back on campus as soon as it is safely possible to do so.

Additionally, the Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations require a temporary pause to all indoor athletics and activities. Today will be the last day for all winter athletics and activities. We have made every effort to keep after school activities intact up to this point as we know this type of involvement is important for the physical, social, and emotional wellbeing of our students. We will notify families as soon as this mitigation is lifted and look forward to when we can begin in-person programs again.

The District is actively preparing for second semester. Similar to first semester, we will be providing families the option to select fully remote learning for second semester. However, we will not be sending out details until after Thanksgiving break nor asking you to make that decision until mid-December. Our goal is to return to blended in-person learning after winter break, if our local and county health metrics support doing so. By waiting until mid-December, we will be able to share current health metrics and inform families of the likelihood of returning to in-person learning on January 4th, as I am sure both will be important factors in your decision making.

I know these are difficult times, most especially for our students. With the end to first semester quickly approaching, please encourage students to stay engaged. The District is committed to helping our students to be successful. If assistance is needed, please reach out and let us know.

Sincerely,



Christine A. Sefcik, Ed.D.
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Return to School Metrics

Measurement	Remote Learning All learning is remote for all learners	Blended Learning Some learning can occur in person based on prioritized risk	In-Person Learning All Learning can occur in-person	Current Status (as of 11/18/20) This status will be updated each week.
COVID-19 Incidence Rate Lake County	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Greater than 14 per 100,000 population</i>	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Between 7 and 14 per 100,000 population</i>	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Less than 7 per 100,000 population</i>	81.3 per 100K
Testing Turnaround Time Lake County	<i>Greater than 10 days</i>	<i>Between 3 and 10 days</i>	<i>Less than 3 days</i>	3 days
COVID-19 Positivity Rate Lake County	<i>8% or greater test positivity</i>	<i>Between 5% and 8% test positivity</i>	<i>Less than 5% test positivity</i>	12.99%
COVID-19 Positivity Rate Local GCHS (for zip codes 60020, 60041, 60046, 60050, 60051, 60073 and 60081)	<i>8% or greater test positivity</i>	<i>Between 5% and 8% test positivity</i>	<i>Less than 5% test positivity</i>	18.28%
COVID-19 Incidence Rate Local GCHS (zip codes 60020, 60041, 60046, 60050, 60051, 60073 and 60081)	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Greater than 14 per 100,000 population</i>	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Between 7 and 14 per 100,000 population</i>	<i>Daily Incidence Rate: Less than 7 per 100,000 population</i>	55.6 per 100K