



BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT OFFICE

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November 17, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bad Axe Schools was notified by the Huron County Health Department this afternoon of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case amongst students, teachers, or staff member who was present at the Bad Axe Middle School under circumstances that may result in the transmission or contraction of COVID-19 during their infectious period.

With this latest notification, Bad Axe Schools will transition to ALL GRADES learning virtually effective tomorrow, November 18, through Thanksgiving weekend. At this time, students in grades K-8 will be able to return for in-person instruction on Monday, November 30. Students in grades 9-12 will remain learning virtually due to the emergency order issued back on November 15, 2020. This is in accordance with our Preparedness and Response Plan which also includes:

- Cleaning and disinfecting of the exposed location will continue to be completed.
- If your child was in close contact with a confirmed individual, you will be contacted by the Huron County Health Department. Please take their call and follow the recommendations they provide.
- All confirmed cases should be isolated and close contacts quarantined for 14 days from last exposure in order to prevent illness in new persons. "Close contact" means being a household member, intimate contact, or caregiver of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case; within 6 feet of the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes, even if wearing a non-medical face covering; or having unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions, for example, being coughed or sneezed on.
- Please note that all information, including the name(s) of ill persons, is confidential in order to protect patient privacy.
- In accordance with **MDHHS Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Reporting of Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 at Schools**, This notice will be posted within 24 hours to the district website by November 18, 2020 at 2:00pm.

Additional information will be shared by your child's school regarding procedures for pickup of necessary materials or personal items.

We will have a meal distribution for all K-12 students tomorrow (Wednesday) from 11:00am-2:00pm with pickup at the west entrance of the Bad Axe High School. Wednesday's meals will contain one breakfast and lunch meal. We will then have a second meal distribution for all students on Thursday, November 19 from 8:00am-11:00am at the west entrance of the Bad Axe High School where five days of meals will be passed out. These meals continue to be offered FREE to all students as supplies last.

For additional questions about COVID-19, please visit the Huron County Health Department at <https://www.hchd.us/>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Newland at (989) 269-9938, gnewland@badaxeps.org or Pete Batzer at (989) 269-2735, pbatzer@badaxeps.org.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Newland, Superintendent

Bad Axe Public Schools

District Vision Statement

Empowering successful learners for today, tomorrow, and the future.

District Mission Statement

Bad Axe Public Schools is committed to providing quality education for all students to reach their highest potential academically, socially, and physically.