

Madison Board of Education

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Madison School Community,

While it was our goal to have all students in our classrooms every day throughout the 2021-2022 school year, we have seen an increase in general illness, COVID-related illness, and both student and staff absences to begin the school year. As a result of these illnesses, staffing issues, and difficulty in finding substitutes, Madison Comprehensive High School and Madison Middle School will be moving to remote learning for a one week period beginning Thursday, September 9th through Wednesday, September 15th. In-person classes will resume on Thursday, September 16th. During this period of remote learning, athletics and extracurricular activities will be allowed to continue, however the health and safety of the students, coaches, and advisors involved will continue to be monitored on an activity-by-activity basis.

In addition to the move to remote learning for the high school and middle school, the following protocols will become effective immediately in all Madison schools. All protocols will continue to be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis.

- 1.) Any student identified as a household close contact must quarantine whether symptomatic or asymptomatic.**
- 2.) Any student identified as a school close contact must wear a mask at school during the duration of their period of quarantine. If the student is symptomatic, this option is not available, and the student must stay home from school.**

It is our hope that the week of remote learning at the high school and middle school will allow staff and students time to recover from illness so we may continue to provide in-person learning. It is also our hope that the implementation of the protocols above will help keep both students and staff healthy, safe, and in school as we continue to battle illness, both COVID-related and otherwise. We continue to ask that families help keep our schools safe and healthy by keeping symptomatic students at home.

The high school and middle school administration and teachers have been and will continue to discuss remote learning with our students to prepare them for the upcoming week-long period to ensure that they are prepared to be successful. The schools will also continue to provide meals to

students during this period. More information on pick-up procedures will be made available prior to Thursday.

It is our goal to maximize in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year, however with the current increase in general illness and positive COVID-19 cases, we must make these adjustments to help keep our students, staff, and school community healthy and safe.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter as we continue in the pursuit of safe and healthy in-person learning for all of our students and staff throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Sincerely,

Rob Peterson
Superintendent