

# Brookfield R-III School District

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Dear Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff,

The purpose of this communication is to; 1) Explain what may prompt a limited, partial, or full school closure due to Covid-19, 2) How and when the school closure will be communicated, 3) What the expectations for continued student learning will be throughout any school closure, and 4) When the school will re-open for in person learning following a limited, partial or full school closure.

## **What Might Prompt a Limited, Partial or Full School Closure?**

The Brookfield R-III School District will work with our local Linn County Health Department and our school nurse to determine if there has been an active case within school facilities. If there is a confirmed active case that has been within school facilities (including classrooms, buses, offices, team facilities, etc.), we will work with the health department to conduct contact tracing to determine how many close contacts the positive Covid-19 case has had within school facilities. The Linn County Health Department will contact any person(s) deemed to be a close contact of the positive Covid-19 case and they will outline the steps they need to take, including; quarantining, monitoring for symptoms, additional health and safety measure to take, etc.

A limited closure due to Covid-19 exposure may result in the closure of a specific classroom or grade level, or team facility. A partial closure may result in the closure of an entire building. A full closure would be the result of widespread Covid-19 exposure, or, a significant increase in active cases of Covid-19 among our students, faculty, staff, and/or community spread.

## **How Will the School District Communicate a Limited, Partial or Full School Closure?**

Communication of any school closure, whether limited, partial, or full, will be made as soon as possible and will be communicated in the same manner as a school cancellation for any other purpose, i.e. weather cancellation, water main break, etc. The communication methods to notify of a school closure will be 1) text caster (make sure you are signed up!), 2) local radio stations, 3) the District website, and 4) direct e-mail.

## **How Will Student Learning and Teacher Communication Continue Through a Limited, Partial, or Full School Closure?**

Students will be expected to continue their learning process and teachers will continue to teach, take attendance, and grade throughout any school closure. We would immediately begin our alternative means of instruction plans for each affected, classroom, building, or the entire school district depending on the extent of the closure. Details of the Alternative Means of Instruction (AMI) plans are found on the school district website under the heading [Return to Learn Documents](#).

Building administrators and individual teachers will immediately begin communicating with students regarding assignments, lessons, how to access technology, paper assignment packets, etc. according to each individual building's Alternative Means of Instruction Plan found here:

[Early Childhood AMI](#)

[Elementary School AMI](#)

[Middle School AMI](#)

[High School AMI](#)

[LCACTC AMI](#)

## **When Will We Return to Full Time In Person Learning After a School Closure?**

The District will work with the local Linn County Health Department and the school nurse to determine when it is safe to return to full time, in person learning after a limited, partial, or full shutdown of school facilities. We will communicate the reopening procedures including the date of reopening and any additional health and safety measures which may have been put in place, through the normal methods of school communication including; text alerts, local radio stations, the District website, and direct e-mail.

## **Closing Remarks**

In closing, this is an extremely trying time for all of us. We don't have all of the answers yet. We know it has been difficult for parents, students, teachers and staff. We want more than anything to educate your children and we want them to be here with us in person in order to do that. Please be patient with us. We will work as hard as we can to make sure we are fulfilling your family's educational needs. There will be some bumps along the road as we figure all of this out. We are Bulldog strong and Bulldog proud. Together, we will find a way.

Respectfully,

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