



December 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, Governor Whitmer held a press conference to announce that she has revised the current Emergency Order from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services that allows for in-person instruction for general education high school students. Beginning Monday, December 21, and extending through Friday, January 15, school districts may bring back grades 9-12 to the classroom. The order also allows for some extra-curricular activities and outdoor, non-contact athletics. We will await more details from the MHSAA.

Currently, Berrien Springs Public Schools is in remote learning for all students in grades PreK-12 through today, December 18, 2020. On January 4, we will return to your current learning choice: in-person learning, connected classroom, or virtual learning. When we return, the district will continue to implement the safety protocols and procedural guidelines recommended by the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, the Berrien County Health Department, and the Berrien Springs Return to School Roadmap. A copy of our district's Roadmap is available on the school district's website at www.homeoftheshamrocks.org.

Our school district will continue to follow all recommended and necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at all times. Please be reminded of the importance of remaining vigilant in practicing the following safety protocols to mitigate the spread of all illness:

- Wearing a facial covering
- Practicing frequent hand washing
- Remaining home when sick
- Parents are reminded to screen students daily for potential symptoms of illness before sending them to school
- Staff are reminded to complete the daily health screener before reporting to school

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to support healthy practices at home, in the community, and in your personal daily activities as we respond to these events in our school district. It is our hope that all of our families can experience a fulfilling and safe two-week winter break. We look forward to having all of our students return to school on Monday, January 4, 2021, healthy and ready for learning. Wishing our school families, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

David Eichberg, Superintendent