

November 18, 2021

Dear Parents, Students, Employees and School Community Members,

Dansville Central School District will be closed on Friday, November 19 for additional cleaning and disinfection of all internal spaces and school buses. There will be no classes, extra curricular activities or remote learning on Friday.

The District will transition to full remote learning on Monday, November 22 and continue on remote programming through Tuesday, November 30. Parent-teacher conferences will be offered virtually or on the telephone as scheduled.

The District will provide transportation for students with disabilities who attend out of district programs in Mt. Morris and private special education placements on Friday and throughout the remote learning period. The District will transport CTE students beginning Monday and throughout the remote learning period both ways between DHS and the May Center only, but will need parent/guardian transportation to and from DHS each day.

Students in grades PK-12 will have all the materials they need for remote instruction when they leave at the end of the day. Materials pick up for DPS and EBH students who were absent today is from 8-10 Friday morning in each school entryway.

The reasons for the one day closure and the remote learning transition are multi-layered and the following considerations informed this decision:

1. There are currently 44 active student and employee COVID-19 cases in the District (33 students and 11 employees).
2. We have maintained a range of positives between 30 and 45 over the last 9 school days. We dropped some over the weekend and our quarantines dropped by over 40% on Monday but positive and quarantine numbers have climbed again.
3. Staff absences, and the shortage of substitutes in every department, have left us unable to fill important vacancies each day. In transportation, we have been combining bus runs which places riders closer together for longer periods of time.

4. Regional positivity rates (Finger Lakes and Livingston County) and local rates (there are currently 75 active cases in the 14437 zip code area) are at their highest point since the pandemic began. Local positives account for 25% of Livingston County active cases. An awareness that there are many undiagnosed local cases is another factor contributing to the decision to make this transition.
5. Last year there was a spike in positivity rates after the Thanksgiving holiday when active cases were much lower. We can expect the same to occur this year while positivity is much higher. When a transmission has occurred, COVID-19 symptoms typically appear 3-5 days after close contact with a positive. Since days 4 and 5 of the post Thanksgiving range will be Monday, 11/29 and Tuesday, 11/30, it is best to keep students at home so that we are not sending pre-symptomatic positive students into contact with one another in the classroom or on the school bus.

The District will resume normal operations on Wednesday, December 1.

Meals will be provided by pick up only throughout the remote learning period. Parents may contact Rita Morrow directly at 585-335-4010 ext. 1407 to arrange this service if needed. Food service will be closed on Friday, 11/19.

Athletic practices and musical rehearsals will resume on Saturday, November 20 and continue after the school day ends throughout the remote learning period.

The middle school building will remain open for BOCES, GCC and the YMCA during our remote period.

The LCDOH Vaccination Clinic for 5-11 year olds will continue as planned on Saturday in the DHS cafeteria from 10:00am to noon. [Please follow this registration link if you wish to have your child vaccinated against COVID-19 on Saturday.](#)

I am sorry for the inconvenience that this causes for families. Please contact the District Office with any questions at 335-4000 extension 2307.

Sincerely,



Paul J. Alioto