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Hello Menasha Parents/Guardians,

Two weeks ago we announced a move to all virtual instruction in order to do our part to minimize contact in the community. Since then the COVID numbers in our community and surrounding area have continued to rise and have reached a level of concern high enough to prompt this communication from the local Health Officials including the Menasha Health Department [COVID 19 Alert](#).

Our schools will remain virtual for the foreseeable future. We will continue to monitor the data along with the Menasha Health Department until we see the numbers decline significantly and start to see a pattern of decline in the virus that would lead us to believe it is safe to resume some of our in-person instruction in our hybrid model again and then, eventually, return all our students to the classroom. Along with the data, we will need to see an improvement in our staff health so we have people to provide instruction in our classrooms and in our student health so we have children to teach in our classrooms. For the time being we will also ask our staff to work from home for the next couple weeks in an effort to allow people to get healthy and to mitigate the spread of the virus. Here is a link to the [Menasha Health Department website](#) where you can view the data I am referring to in this message. Be sure to scroll down to see the most recent information.

Given this situation and the heightened concern for the health and well being of our students and families, we will be discontinuing our athletic opportunities for the remainder of the fall seasons at the middle and high school levels. We made a strong effort to safely provide these activities that are good for our students' minds and bodies, but the increasing level of risk is no longer outweighing the benefits.

What can you do?

#1: Stay home as much as possible and especially if you are sick or are waiting for your COVID-19 test results.

#2: Avoid groups and gatherings.

#3: Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when you leave your home.

#4: Wear a mask or face covering when in public.

#5: Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.

Learn more: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm>

City of Menasha COVID-19 website:

<https://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/departments/health/covid-19.php>

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We will continue to communicate with you as we receive updated guidance as the situation evolves. Please be sure to take care of yourself and your families.

Sincerely;

Chris L. VanderHeyden

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Superintendent