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Cedar Mountain Families,

We were recently notified that our county case rates in Redwood, Renville and Brown counties have recently increased. A large amount of community spread is taking place and we as a district are being affected by this spread. Recently we have seen a large amount of staff out along with students in quarantine and this makes it extremely difficult to provide for our students in an in-person model.

Out of an abundance of caution, Cedar Mountain will be making a change to our learning model starting on November 23rd through December 14th. These decisions are made after consultation with county health officials, local nurses and the Regional Support Team

STARTING NOVEMBER 23rd through December 14th

- Cedar Mountain Schools, Pre-K-12 will transition to Distance Learning.
- **NOVEMBER 16-20** students will go to school in the current model.
- There will be no school **NOVEMBER 23-25** as these days will be set for staff to prepare.
- Distance Learning activities for students and staff will begin on **November 30th**.
- The initial plan to return to school will be on **December 14th**.
 - December 14th gives us two full weeks between Thanksgiving weekend and the return to school. Public health supports this timeline as we believe Thanksgiving will potentially cause an increase in spread. We will continue to monitor the situation and update families as we move forward.

LEARNING MATERIALS: During the November 16-20th in-person days, staff will be sending home some materials necessary for distance learning. Look for communications from the principals regarding any additional material distribution information and learning expectations.

MEALS: Meals distribution will begin on November 30th. “Grab and Go” meals will be distributed from both school sites and at other locations/towns. To receive meals, you must sign up through the following Google Form. **Meal Sign Up Link:**
<https://forms.gle/BQ731Fcn1Hk1NiXh7>

ESSENTIAL CHILDCARE: Cedar Mountain will provide school age care for children ages 12 and under of critical workers. This program will take place at the Elementary School in Franklin. ***The school-age care for children of critical workers is intended for extreme circumstances in which no parent or guardian is at home, as all of the parents or legal guardians in the child’s household are Tier I critical workers.*** If it is a two-parent household and one is not a critical worker, the student would not be eligible for this care. **To sign up for Critical Work Childcare, please contact Michelle Thoofft at (507) 557-2251 or by email at mthoofft@cedarmt.org.**

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES: Fall athletics will be allowed to complete their seasons. Additional information related to winter seasons and activities will be communicated by Mr. Jeremy Robinson, Activities Director.

As a community, we need to do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Wearing masks, socially distancing ourselves, washing our hands and avoiding large gatherings is a must. We want our students and staff in school as much as possible and each person doing their part will help.

Sincerely,

Rob Brandl
Superintendent
Cedar Mountain Schools