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## Carver Public Schools

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To the Carver School Community:

As a district we are continually evaluating how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the Carver school community. On a daily basis, the school nurses and administrative team review the number of positive cases in our schools and the number of students and staff who have been identified as close contacts to someone who has tested positive. We also evaluate the data on what is happening with the pandemic in the larger Carver community. We use this information to make decisions about our educational model. The health and safety of our staff and students is our number one priority.

There has been an increase in the number of positive cases in our schools and in the Carver community over the past week, we currently have approximately 10% of our staff and students at Carver Middle High School identified either as a close contact to someone who has tested positive or as an active positive case. ***Based on this information we have decided that Carver Middle High School will switch to our remote learning model from Monday, January 11 through Friday, January 15. The Middle High School will return to our hybrid learning model on Tuesday, January 19, after the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.*** Transitioning to remote learning will provide better educational continuity and equity as all of our staff and students will be able to fully participate. This week of remote learning along with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday will result in students not being in school for 10 consecutive calendar days. During this time the majority of our active positive cases and close contacts, assuming they are feeling well and test negative, will have reached the end of their quarantine or isolation period. During this remote learning period all in-person student activities, including athletics, will be suspended and will begin again with our return to school on Tuesday, January 19.

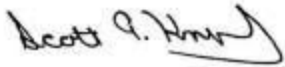
The Elementary School has not been impacted in the same way as the Middle High School. Currently, approximately 2% of our staff and students at the Elementary School have been identified either as a close contact to someone who has tested positive or as an active positive case. This number is consistent with where we have been as a district for the past several weeks. As a result, Carver Elementary School will **NOT** be transitioning to remote learning and will stay in the hybrid model.

In order for us to continue in person learning on Tuesday, January 19th, we must follow school, local and state protocols to mitigate the spread of the virus. We ask you to use this time to ensure that your exposure to the virus is limited and do your part to stop the spread. As recommended by health officials; wear a mask when you are out in public, avoid travel, minimize your social contacts and gatherings such as parties and sleepovers, regularly wash your hands, and practice social distancing. Most importantly, keep your kids home if they are sick. If in doubt, stay home and contact your student's primary care physician or the school nurse ([showank@carver.org](mailto:showank@carver.org)). Following these guidelines is the only way we can ensure that we can continue with in person learning on January 19th.

Below I have provided a link to the Middle High Schools remote schedule and to the district's COVID-19 dashboard.

- [Middle High School Remote Schedule](#)
- [Carver Public Schools COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

I know this decision impacts many students, families and the community. We have made it because it is the best decision educationally but most importantly it is the best decision for the health and safety of our school community.



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