

Jackson Center Schools

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Dear Members of the Jackson Center Community,

As you all know, the Coronavirus or COVID-19 has been on everyone's mind worldwide. Even though the survival rate is quite high, that is never enough consolation for those that have lost a loved one or may lose a loved one due to this virus or any other condition. Currently, the cases of COVID-19 in Ohio remain small, but it has already had an impact on our community and will continue to impact our state, country and the world. Please see the website below:

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

I want all of you to know that as superintendent of Jackson Center Schools, I am subject to the directives of the legislature as well as the executive orders of the governor and of course the policies of our local school board. As of this date 3/11/20, there has been no directives from any authority essentially "shutting down" k-12 schools in the state of Ohio. However, the possibility of closing schools is real and we all need to be prepared for the complications that a decision like that could cause for all those involved.

At this point, we have no intention of closing Jackson Center Schools and we will stay open unless directed otherwise. In the meantime, we have implemented a higher level of cleaning and disinfecting of the building and we are asking everyone to go to the website below for instructions on how to best protect themselves and their families:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/protect/index.html>

We are asking any student or staff member that is not feeling well to STAY HOME especially if they have other conditions that make them more susceptible to COVID-19 symptoms! If your student has a fever, please wait until the fever has subsided completely and the sneezing and the coughing has stopped before they return. More information specific to kids is at the website below.

[Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 \(COVID-19\) and Children](#)

Most importantly, we are asking everyone to educate themselves and then use their best judgement when deciding to send their kids to school. We are taking this situation very seriously and want the best for our staff, students and community without causing unnecessary duress.

If we are told to shut down, we are currently working on plans to respond to the various scenarios that could come our way. Whether it means that we experience an extended spring break, a shortened year or if we are able to offer an online version of our classes, NONE of them will be adequate in terms of providing the education that is comparable to what we or any school offers right now. However, no matter what the scenario, we will do our best to make sure our kids are served. Please be patient as we all try to work our way through this time of uncertainty.

Bill Reichert, Superintendent

Another good reference:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus/Coronavirus-COVID-19-FREQUENTLY-ASKED-QUESTION-1>