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On November 15, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an emergency order that requires all high schools to close from Wednesday, Nov. 18 thru Tuesday, December 8. All sports and after-school programs must be suspended. The one surprise in the announcement was that in-person learning in grade levels K-8 are left to the decision of the local school district.

It is important to note that neither EJ elementary school nor EJ secondary school have had confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and these changes are made to proactively address issues in our county and surrounding communities. East Jackson has taken time to carefully discuss and consider this new development in a way that keeps staff and students safe during this time and as we enter the holiday season. Today, we are announcing the following steps for our school district:

1. East Jackson Secondary school (grades 7-12) will close to in-person instruction on Wednesday, Nov. 18. All instruction will be remote thru the end of Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. East Jackson Secondary School staff will be coordinating any needed computer device deployment and connectivity device deployment on Tuesday, Nov. 17.
2. East Jackson Elementary school (grades K-6) will remain open to in-person instruction through Tuesday, Nov. 24 and then close to in-person instruction through Dec. 8, 2020. East Jackson Elementary School staff will be coordinating any needed computer device deployment and connectivity device deployment on Tuesday, Nov. 24. This added time is being provided to allow parents to make adjustments for their younger children, while maintaining a safe environment for after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

These changes at both buildings are consistent with our district's MiSafeSchool Reopening Plan and the new DHHS orders. As of today, all grades K-12 are planned to return to in-person learning on Wednesday, December 9. This may change based upon further directives from the State of MI or based upon local information, but we will do our best to always keep you updated.

We are truly committed to the safety of students, staff and acting out of an abundance of caution to keep our families safe. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding and please contact the school office if you have any questions.

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