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November 18, 2020

Dear AAESA Families,

As you may be aware, COVID-19 cases are drastically increasing across the state of Michigan and in our community. Allegan County has a 7-day average positivity rate of 18.4%. On November 15, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued the Pause to Save Lives order.

To summarize the order, the following will be in effect from November 18 through December 8:

- In-person instruction for 9-12 graders is suspended except for special education (to age 26) or English language learners
- K-12 athletics (practice and competition) and extra-curricular activities are suspended
- PreK-8 in-person instruction is permitted at the discretion of the local district and health department
- Buildings may be used for basic services such as:
 - Food distribution
 - Internet facilitation for students
 - Health care/mental health services
 - Childcare
- GSRP and early childhood education is still permitted
- MIOSHA rules still apply for employees reporting to work when remote work is not feasible

To refine our Covid-19 response, we are taking the following actions:

ACATEC: All programs will remain 100% virtual until January 15, 2021. The building will be accessible to students who need internet access. Students must register in advance.

Hillside Main Campus: 100% remote until December 4. On December 7, return with further reduced density: two days per week in person hybrid with three days per week remote. Students will be in two cohorts for this schedule.

Hillside YAC Campus: In session the week of November 16; 100% remote the week of November 30, returning December 7 with the current 2-day hybrid model.

GSRP: Will follow local district location model/schedule.

Early On: Home visiting is discouraged and extremely limited. We are seeking locations for evaluations and will communicate when plans are finalized.

I am asking for your assistance by following the US Center for Disease Control recommendations to reduce risks for contraction of COVID-19:

- Wear a face covering.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Further, I encourage you to seek medical attention from a healthcare professional should your child have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath. We will continue to watch the developments surrounding COVID-19 with the assistance of the Allegan County Health Department. For more information about COVID-19, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.

Please contact your building principal with any questions.

Yours In Education,



William Brown
Superintendent