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Hello AAESA Families,

This morning Governor Whitmer issued Executive Order No. 2020-21 – Stay Home, Stay Safe. This letter is intended to inform the public about the Allegan Area ESA’s efforts to comply with that order.

All school offices and buildings will be closed to the public and staff, with the exception of essential staff listed below, for the duration of this Executive Order (March 24, 2020 through April 13, 2020).

Essential Staff Include:

- o The Allegan Area ESA staff needed to process transactions such as payroll, benefits, and accounts payable and receivable.
- o Maintenance staff to ensure the integrity of our buildings.
- o Technology department employees to ensure the security of our buildings and arrange necessary virtual and online communications.

All employees who enter a building must adhere to proper social distancing recommendations and sanitizing protocol. The written protocol is posted in the employee entrance at each building.

The Governor's recent "stay home" order did not provide any guidance or information related to excusal of days or the extension of school year. This order did extend the school closure for one week, which is our scheduled spring break.

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone in Allegan County and across the state. We are working diligently to with the safety of our school families, our communities, and our staff in mind. As we receive more information on next steps we will pass it along. In the meantime feel free to watch for updates on our COVID-19 Information page on our web site.

Stay Home, Stay Safe, and Wash Your Hands!

Sincerely,

William D. Brown
Superintendent