

SOUTHWESTERN

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Dear Staff & Parents/Guardians of Southwestern CUSD #9,

This letter is to inform you of the action that will be taken as we prepare for school next week.

In accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines and after conferring with the Macoupin County Health Department, we feel it is in the best interests of our high school students to switch to remote only instruction for the next 14 days. The IDPH guidelines stipulate that two positive cases from the same classroom within 14 days of each other constitute an outbreak. Our latest positive on Thursday, September 17, 2020, put us squarely in that scenario. Friday, September 18, 2020 represented the first day of our 14 days of remote learning. Students will be allowed to return to in-person instruction on Friday, October 2, 2020. For now, this will impact the high school only. We will still offer in-person instruction for all other grade levels and buildings.

So far, we have had no students with a positive Covid test in any other building in the district. While the high school is the only building in the district that is currently going to remote learning, I believe very strongly that parents know what is best for their children and their family situation. You still have the option to continue to send your children for in-person learning or choose remote instruction grades K-8.

Sports/Activities

At this time the sports that are in season and classified by the IHSA as “low risk” will continue as scheduled. The sports that the IHSA classifies as “medium risk” will no longer participate indoors, but will be moved outside where students will maintain social distancing and follow all safety protocols as recommended by the IHSA and IDPH.

We thank you in advance for your understanding of this challenging situation that is impacting our entire district. As always, if you have any questions, please contact your building principal or the district office.

Sincerely,

Kyle M. Hacke
Superintendent