COVID-19 OUTBREAKS AND REMOTE LEARNING

It is the policy of Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools to ensure that primary, mission essential functions of the district continue to be performed during a wide range of emergencies, including localized acts of nature, accidents, biological and technological, or attack-related emergencies, and that the district maintain the critical and necessary environment in which effective teaching and learning can take place.

A sudden or unexpected increase in COVID Like Illness (CLI) or COVID-positive cases, could trigger a temporary school closure. The conditions for determining a COVID-19 outbreak in schools are established by the Washington State Department of Health and Adams County Health Department. School Districts follow these guidelines for determining whether a classroom or school building meets the criteria for a COVID-19 outbreak. Similar to a SARS or Influenza outbreak, schools will temporarily close to allow for conditions to improve. In the case of COVID-19 the length of closure is 14 days.

Should any of Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools' classrooms or buildings be closed for an outbreak of COVID 19 the plan is to immediately switch to Remote Learning. Approval to utilize Remote Learning is authorized by OSPI with approval of a school district's Continuity of Operations Plan. (In some cases, like with Pre-K, remote learning is not possible.)

Serving students in a Remote Learning situation will be similar to last year. Of course, we learned a great deal from that experience. Although not ideal, we believe that we can effectively continue student learning with a remote option.

When would an "All Remote Learning Day" happen?
In case of a classroom or school determined COVID-19 outbreak. insufficient staffing, COVID quarantine, or other circumstances that dictate an on-campus closure.

Why do we need remote learning days?
An "All Remote Learning Day" encourages the continuation of academic instruction on days when school would otherwise be cancelled. Each school will have a plan to deliver instruction to our students and provide for student and teacher interaction, with the ultimate goal of continuing instruction. These days will count as a "school" day. In the event we are unable to offer remote learning (power outage or other internet disruptions), we are required to make up any cancelled days. Typically, "non-learning" days are scheduled at the end of the school year.

How will we be notified?
Families will receive a Blackboard Alert call. You can also find information on school Facebook pages or on local TV stations. Every effort is made to announce closures the evening before or by 6:00 AM the day of the closure. Please be sure to update parent contact information with your child's school office.

What should my child be doing on a Remote Learning Day?
They will continue their learning as usual and follow their designated Google Classroom schedule.

We do not have access to the internet, what do we do?
Students who do not have internet access from home can have their attendance excused. Please contact your child's school ahead of time for more information on what to do.

Where can we find my child's remote learning plan?
Each school has a remote learning plan posted on their homepage at www.lrschools.org.

Will attendance be taken?
Yes, attendance will be taken on remote learning days. Students whose family chooses to not participate in remote learning are considered absent. Students who are counted absent will be responsible for completing the required work on their own time as they would on any other day in which they might be absent from school.

How are we preparing our students for an "All Remote Learning Day?"
All teachers are encouraged to continue using virtual technology as part of regular instructional routines. Students are encouraged to take their Chromebooks home daily; however, students/parents can make arrangements to pick up a device at school, if necessary.

Will meals be provided?
Grab & go meals will be provided at designated locations. For more information, check specific building Remote Learning Plans or updates.

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