



STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

November 18, 2020

“We’ve had one additional COVID-19 case since my last call which was a para-professional with no close contacts with students and a teacher named as a close contact as a precautionary measure.

Earlier this year, experts warned that the virus may surge when the weather got cold and we moved inside - and that surge is currently happening. They have also warned that if people do not cancel traditional Thanksgiving plans and continue to have gatherings with persons not habitually together, we may see another spike.

While we would encourage everyone to follow this advice and keep Thanksgiving just with those you live with, out of an abundance of caution, we are going to have all students be online from December 1-4. Those are the four days the week after Thanksgiving when we would have been in school. All students and teachers will be online Tuesday, December 1st through Friday December 4th. Students in grades K- 8 will return to school December 7th and high school students will come back to the building on December 8th. There will be additional calls and information coming but I wanted everyone to be prepared.

Also, please be aware that new state regulations regarding travel are going into effect on Friday, essentially requiring a negative COVID test to return to normal activities after returning to Pennsylvania or a 14 day quarantine. We will be posting more information on that at the end of the week and will revise our travel forms accordingly.

Tomorrow, I will give the reasoning behind our online move for December 1-4 and more details on Facebook Live from noon until 1:00. The session will be recorded and accessible from Facebook or our website.”

All parents and families in the District received this communication via phone call home on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 around 8:30 p.m.

For questions or more information, please contact Sarah Grabski, Director of Communications and Administrative Services at sarahgrabski@generalmclane.org or 814-273-1033 ext 5901.