

December 1-4, 2020 ONLY
General McLane Schools will be 100% online

Sociological Basis:

A national survey showed that 2 out of 5 families intend to ignore warnings not to have large family traditional Thanksgiving gatherings which would promote the spread. Local posts on social media seem to indicate that there are families in the district who will ignore the recommendation.

Medical Background:

The Erie County Department of health is so overwhelmed they are only going to concentrate their efforts on those age 65 and older. As a district, we are on our own to limit the spread by contact tracing for those in the community with children in schools. If even a relatively small percentage of large family gatherings take place on Thanksgiving day, it could cause a surge in cases that could quickly overwhelm us. Our move to go fully online for December 1-4 is precautionary.

When people contract the virus, they will show symptoms 2-14 days after contracting it. On average, symptoms manifest in 4-6 days with the infectious period being the two days before symptoms manifest. This means the bulk of people will be contagious the week after Thanksgiving.

Going to a fully online experience for December 1-4 will mean most people contracting the virus on Thanksgiving will have manifested symptoms by the time we return to school on December 7 (December 8 for high school since Mondays are already cyber days.)

What will happen December 1-4?

Teachers will provide content for classes for each day. Teachers will be certain students who come to their classroom are clear before leaving school November 24 what to expect for the fully online days.

Some teachers may require online class meetings during the regular school hours of December 1-4 and we would expect students to be available.

Attendance is based on completion of work so students should plan to have work submitted to the teacher by the deadlines posted by the teachers.

Offices:

Office personnel and administration will work remotely and be available during school hours by email. Offices will be staffed by at least one person and the main number for each office will be answered,

Students in Grades K-8 return to classrooms on Monday, December 7.

High School students will have their usual "Cyber Monday" and return to classrooms on Tuesday, December 8.

NOTE: It is still highly critical that the district be informed of any parent or student who tests positive over the holiday so we are aware of proper quarantine dates. Please call our Asst. Pandemic Response coordinator, Kristen Donnelly with questions or reports at 814-899-3363. (But not on Thanksgiving Day, please.)