



STATEMENT FROM GENERAL MCLANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

From General McLane School District Superintendent Richard Scaletta

December 10, 2020

“Effective this Saturday, December 12, and continuing through January 3, no extracurricular activities will take place at schools. This includes all sporting events and sports practices. So essentially, we will only be operating during our instructional day between now and January 4.

I would also point out, although they are not school-related activities, the mitigation order includes all club and travel sports, as well as intramurals.

To be clear, I want to emphasize that we will continue in-person classes and that any switch to 100% online learning will be governed by a state guideline based on how many positive cases occur in a building. If you're curious about those numbers, I would recommend that you watch the beginning of today's Facebook live recording where I review those numbers.

While we have many students and some adults in quarantine this week, we have been fortunate to not have many positive cases in our schools. We did have one probable case resulting in one student in quarantine. Also, because of the high positivity rate, it is a safe assumption that most people displaying symptoms are positive; therefore, when staff or students are exposed to someone who exhibited symptoms, we are asking them to quarantine until test results are received. That was the case with our wrestling team over break which is now quarantined as the student with symptoms did test positive. By having that pre-emptive quarantine, we avoided any exposure among the student body at large.

We also have a special needs classroom right now that we have asked staff and students to quarantine until results are received for students that were displaying COVID symptoms.

So, the best thing we can all do is avoid being with any persons we are not habitually with and always wear a mask. Also, because of the high positivity rate and significant **presence** of the virus in our community, stay home if you experience any symptoms, even just a sore throat, until the symptoms resolve or you are tested.”

All parents and families in the District received this communication via phone call home on Thursday, December 10, 2020 around 8:15 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.