



McBain Rural Agricultural School
107 East Maple Street
McBain, MI 49657

November 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you likely know, The DHHS/State provided new guidelines with respect to school districts. Due to our Elementary School currently being closed and now our High School being mandated to shut down, we will be transitioning to remote learning, grades K-12. This closure of the district for in person instruction will begin on 11/18 and we will welcome students back on 12/9. Remote instruction for grades K-5 has already begun. Grades 6-12 will begin remote instruction on 11/20. However, individual educational material will be available through Schoology and via individual teacher communication on 11/18.

Please go to www.mcbain.org for more and updated information.

We would like to share information with you on COVID-19 and ask that you watch your child closely for symptoms. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread most commonly from person to person, through respiratory droplets made when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. It spreads easiest when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet for at least 15 minutes). You can also get COVID-19 by having direct physical contact with someone that is infected, like touching, hugging, or kissing, as well as sharing eating or drinking utensils. It may also be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Once infected, illness begins within 2 to 14 days.

We ask that you help protect your family and your community from this disease by taking the following steps.

- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19 illness, which are fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - It is recommended you get tested for COVID-19 if you do get symptoms. You can call 2-1-1 or go to www.mi.gov/coronoavirustest for testing locations.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially before eating, after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid gathering in groups, stay at least 2 arms' length (about 6 feet) apart from others, and stay out of crowded areas.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often at least once a day.

Sincerely,
Stephen R. Prissel, Ph.D.
Superintendent
McBain Rural Agricultural School District