

Ladd Community Consolidated School

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Dear Ladd Families,

I want to thank all of our families for your help in fighting COVID-19 in our community by wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands frequently, staying home when you are sick and quaranting as recommended. With everything we are doing at home and at school, the cases of COVID-19 have continued to rise. The Board of Education and I have been carefully monitoring the data reported by IDPH (Illinois Department of Health) and the positivity rate has been steadily climbing. Bureau County is again in warning status and the metrics for school determination of community spread indicate there is a substantial risk.

Based on this information, **we will be returning to 100% remote learning on Monday, November 23.** We are hoping to return to in-person instruction in January. This makes us extremely sad especially as we enter the holiday season, but as always our first priority is the safety of our students and staff. Governor Pritzker announced Tier 3 mitigations beginning on Friday, November 20. Adherence to these guidelines will hopefully curb COVID-19 so we are not faced with another statewide stay at home order. Your family can help by continuing to wash your hands often, wearing your masks, practicing social distancing and staying home as much as possible.

During this period of 100% remote learning, school meals can be ordered. Remember these meals are at no cost to you but must be ordered weekly online by 9 am on Monday mornings. During 100% remote learning, meals will be available daily for pick up at Ladd School at door 8 from 12:20-1:20 or at the Bureau Junction bus stops during that same time period. Please contact Mrs. Raineri with any questions regarding school meals.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week. Students are done at 11:20 on Thursday and have no school on Friday. Parent Teacher conferences are a great opportunity to touch base with your child's teachers, so we can continue to work together to provide the best possible education to your child in these unprecedented times. If you have not yet scheduled conferences with your child's teachers, I encourage you to get them scheduled.

Next week students will participate in classes via Zoom on Monday and Tuesday but will not have classes Wednesday-Friday as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you have any questions or are in need assistance, please reach out to Ms. Dawson or me. We will keep you updated as we move into this next phase of the school year.

Wishing you and your family a safe Thanksgiving! Stay home and stay well!

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