

Rush City Community,

The shift to less restrictive learning models is right around the corner. At this time, we are still planning to implement the changes we communicated on December 31, 2020. Past Tiger Tracks and our [K-12 Safe Learning Plan](#) are posted on our [website](#). Here are a few reminders of changes planned for the next couple of weeks:

- January 14th and 15th will be staff planning days
  - NO SCHOOL for students
  - Childcare for Tier-1 workers will be available
- Change in learning models takes effect Tuesday, January 19th
  - CE Jacobson In-Person PreK-6th Grade (Distance Learning on Wednesdays)
  - High School Hybrid 7-12 Grades for at least the first two weeks
    - Blue students begin Tuesday, January 19th
    - Gold students begin Thursday, January 21st
- Plans subject to change based on COVID-19 data or state guidance/direction
- All students may choose Distance Learning
- It will be strongly recommended staff wear face shields (new)

If your child(ren) are scheduled to ride a bus, the pickup and drop off times will remain the same as they were prior to shifting to Distance Learning. If you are unsure of the times for your child(ren), please contact the Transportation Department at 320-358-3562.

Childcare will again be available on Wednesdays for those who have requested it. If you determine you are in need of this service during our Wednesday Distance Learning days, please reach out to Carrie Kirchberg at 320-358-1310 or [ckirchberg@rushcity.k12.mn.us](mailto:ckirchberg@rushcity.k12.mn.us).

For information about the guidelines for spectators at home events, please see Mr. Rood's [Athletic Update](#).

Please note that while we strive to provide our community with consistent programming, COVID-19 data will continue to drive the learning models for our students and the type of participation we can allow in extracurricular activities. Please do your part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 so we can implement these plans and keep in-person instruction and activities options for our students.

I realize this is redundant, however, I am confident staffing shortages will be the most likely reason the district may need to transition to a more restrictive model in the future. Please consider helping us meet the needs of our students. We are in need of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, bus and van drivers. Please consider these employment opportunities and encourage others you believe may be interested to apply. See our district [website](#) for more information.

On Thursday, January 21 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm we will hold a virtual community forum via [Zoom](#). It's important to ensure our families are informed, and that you have the opportunity to share your concerns and ideas. Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and support as we continue to navigate this school year together and uphold the promise to create global citizens who are lifelong learners.

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