



DeRuyter Central School

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Dear DeRuyter Community:

As of this morning there have been 3 active cases within our school community (this is up from the 2 I shared on Sunday). Further contact tracing has occurred in the last 48 hours which has revealed a total of 31 students and 5 teaching staff members who are being quarantined for 14 days from their last exposure. I want to remind everyone that the contact tracing, and decisions on whom to quarantine, is decided by the County Health Department and dictated to the School District. While we cooperate by giving necessary data, we are not part of the actual decisions and process to quarantine someone.

Due to this large number of quarantined students and adults we are not able to have in-person instruction for our 11th and 12th graders. Therefore we will be utilizing Remote Instruction through Monday November 16th for 11th and 12th grade only. Students in grades Pre-K through 10th grade WILL resume instruction in our building starting tomorrow, November 4th. 11th and 12th graders resume in-person instruction on Tuesday, November 17th. BOCES students in 11th and 12th grade, who are not quarantined, will attend their programs starting tomorrow. Quarantined BOCES students will attend remotely.

Breakfast and Lunch Bags will be available to 11th and 12th grade students who are Remote Learning. Bags are available for pick up at the security office Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 9am-10 am. Call Brenda Scutt Cafeteria Manager 315 852 3400 x7146 or email at scutt@deruytercentral.org to sign up.

Please remember that our mitigation of this virus includes the use of a mask that covers your mouth AND nose. Students and staff are to have their masks on until they are seated and socially distanced with six feet between themselves, other students, and staff members. Everyone needs to “mask-up” in the classroom whenever someone moves. Please reinforce this with your children. Many of our students and staff have been quarantined, but the County assures me it would have been higher numbers if it was not for our process of masking and social distancing.

I also want to remind all of our families that if your child is not feeling well and shows symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child home. Staff are also reminded that they too need to stay home when they are ill and showing symptoms. If you are home sick, or have been sent home sick, you need to have a doctor's note allowing your return **OR** a negative COVID test. This is mandated by the New York State Department of Health.

We wish our students and families who are affected a speedy and full recovery and further hope all who are quarantined remain free of the virus. This can be a very stressful time and filled with uncertainty. If you have any questions about the tracing, or any other aspects of this situation, please don't hesitate to call the Madison County Department of Health at (315) 366-2361 or myself at 315-852-3400 x. 7410.

The following link has a list of testing sites and times for your information. If you are interested in other county testing sites, you can look on their health department websites.

<https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2589/COVID-19-Testing>

Sincerely,

Dr. Brown

Dr. David M. Brown
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