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Madison, IN: Jefferson County moves to Red status - what that means for Madison Consolidated Schools.

It was announced today that Jefferson County has moved to Red status. While there is no clear directive from the health department regarding Red status and school closure, Madison Consolidated Schools **will continue to provide daily instruction in our face-to-face environment.**

We will continue to:

- Diligently monitor our internal data points.
  - In order to do so more effectively, our team of nurses has come together to fine-tune the internal tracking system which is used across our district to track activity for both students and staff. We learn each day and implement improvements as we can to our overall process. Our team is working seamlessly and tirelessly to improve the process around identification and monitoring of any illnesses and/or quarantine periods as they arise in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- Ask you to self-monitor the health of your family and report illness when necessary.
  - Our tracking system works only when we work together to communicate. It is imperative that our families continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and if you are not feeling well, please stay home and notify your school nurse immediately.
- Actively continue to implement our overall cleaning and disinfection plan.
  - Our custodial staff is working diligently to manage their building with additional care and focus on cleaning and sanitizing common areas throughout the day, as well as, in preparation for and following instructional time in all areas.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff. We will continue to operate in our face-to-face environment until such time as we are directed to do otherwise from our county health officials, or see a clear health-related reason to move to our virtual platform. This will be monitored building by building and may require classroom by classroom assessment. In addition to the many benefits of having students face-to-face for school, there are also the benefits of two meals per day, wrap around services for many of our students which are provided throughout the day, the comfort of a structured day with trusted adults, and the need to assist parents who work and don't have an accessible plan for childcare during the day.

Due to this change in status and until further notice, youth-related sports activities (feeder programs) will not be able to meet and/or practice in our facilities. Regarding MJHS and MCHS athletics, home events are limited to "Members of the Athlete's Household" only. NO OTHER FANS will be allowed to attend our home events.

We are truly in this together and we ask that you continue to make good decisions when it comes to the health and safety of not only your family, both those in your circles. Please keep your social circles small, socially distance when possible, wear your mask, and keep those hands washed!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Studebaker