

# Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning (Optional)

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## Information

Department of Education and Public Health guidelines recommend applying for a waiver for temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days if both of the following criteria have been met. You may still apply even if you do not meet these requirements.

- 15-20% positivity in the county on average over the past 14 days
- 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning

Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning. This plan is fluid and subject to change as more information becomes available.

Please note that the Department is required to post this application and all supporting documentation to the [Department's Website](#). **Personally identifiable information must, therefore, be omitted from this application and any supporting documentation.**

## Circumstance Requiring Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning is being sought for

- the entire public school district
- one or more buildings within the public school district
- a state accredited nonpublic school

Please enter the date that you propose primarily continuous/remote learning will begin.

11/18/2020



Please enter the date that you propose primarily continuous/remote learning will end.

12/1/2020



What was the county's average positivity over the past 14 days?

24%

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What is your current or anticipated absentee rate and how was it calculated?

Student absenteeism rate due to illness <10%  
Student absenteeism rate due to illness + quarantine = 12%  
Employee absenteeism COVID related = 21%

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Optional Upload - Please upload any relevant information or supporting documentation.

**File Uploaded:**  
[Waiver Request Letter.pdf](#)  
Uploaded on: 11/16/2020

Do not upload any personally identifiable information.

## Provision of Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that all students with IEPs are provided with FAPE during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

All students will have access to the same instructional opportunities and materials. The district's special education teachers and support staff will implement accommodations and modifications outlined on each student's I-page within their IEP to ensure the appropriate actions are taken and appropriate goals are instructed upon. If a completed I-page is not available, meetings will be scheduled to complete the student's I-page.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that students who require mental health or health services still have access to these services during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

The district has two school counselors and a full time contracted mental health counselor on staff through Covenant Family Solutions. Students who require these services during a primarily online time period would have staff continue to check in on students that they meet with. There is a referral process for mental health counseling. Counseling services will be done through online video conferencing.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that students with 504 plans continue to receive services?

The district's teachers and support staff will reach out to each student needing 504 accommodations to determine what accommodations are needed in the virtual setting. If needed, meetings will be arranged to put accommodations in place. The majority of our students' accommodations are based on brick and mortar instruction, so changes will be made on a case by case basis during school closure.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district continue to provide meals to students?

The school building will be designated as a pick up site for Grab-and-Go Meals. Additional pick up sites and delivery will be arranged as needed.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district provide access to instructional materials and services for students who do not have access to the internet?

Families who do not have access to the internet will be provided materials and texts along with hard copy resources and all necessary instructions and plans on a weekly basis. Teachers will communicate through telephone or mail with families. Wifi is also available in the school parking lot if families are comfortable with that.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, what process will you use to communicate with parents/families on educational services and changes in delivery models?

The district will use the current mass communication system, which sends emails and phone notifications to all contacts. JMC messaging will also be used to duplicate this communication.

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## Record of Application Approval

This Question Can Only Be Answered By Iowa Department of Education Staff

Department staff will use the field below to record the history of application approval.