

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

Fairfield

Review In Progress

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Information

Department of Education and Public Health guidelines recommend the use of primarily remote instruction under the following circumstances. You are welcome to apply even if you do not meet these guidelines but have other data to support your application.

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

OR

- 20% positivity in the county on average over the past 14 days

Only the Departments of Education, in consultation with the Iowa Department of 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.

Things you can do without permission from the Department:

- Schools can immediately transition to remote learning for up to 48 hours while waiting for a waiver decision.
- Because the 50-percent in-person instruction requirement is based on a two-week period, schools typically providing full-time in-person instruction can also move to remote learning for up to five days without needing approval.
- Schools can also move one or more grade levels or sections of a building to remote instruction without Department approval. A school is a building if it has its own building number.

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

Which of the following best describes the amount of time that students will receive online only instruction?

If you are submitting an application for one or more buildings in a school district, please indicate the percent of online instructional time along with the name of the building in the question above.

IMPORTANT -If a district or school chooses to use primarily remote instruction, they are required to temporarily cease in-person extracurricular activities for the duration of the period requested if they completely cease in-person instruction and go 100% online/virtual. The decision to offer activities outside of an approved waiver for 100% online learning is determined at the local level.

- More than 50 but less than 100 percent of instruction will be delivered online.
- 100 percent of instruction will be delivered online.

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

12/14/2020



Waivers are granted for 14 calendar days to begin on the date entered.

Districts and school are able to operate primarily online as needed within that time period.

Requests for an extension should be made at least 48 hours in advance of the start date using the "Request Reopen" button in the bottom right corner of the screen.

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

15.4% county positivity rate

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

12/9/2020 - FCSD student absentee rate is difficult to calculate as our district is in virtual learning. There is 8 staff out due to COVID currently. School nurses call students that are not attending virtual learning, admin do home visits.

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

Do not upload any personally identifiable information. The application and any supporting documentation is available to the public on the [Department's website](#).

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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?

Every teacher has a Return to Learn plan for each student and has that information to parents. IEP students have practiced with their teachers using their technology devices in preparation for an online instructional day. Students will also be pulled for SDI time as long as that team has felt this is the best educational opportunity for that child.

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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?

Currently, students have access to a social worker and counseling services. This can be completed online if applicable for the students and families. Students have contact information for their support system. If needed, students can be pulled for support services if the family and counselor feel that is best to meet the students' needs.

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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?

All accommodations will be met. This was addressed within the Return to Learn plan when it was created. Teachers and supports are prepared for this to occur.

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

The COVID feeding plan is prepared and ready to start. Families will have meal pick up in the day and evening two days a week. Each prep meal will include breakfast and lunch for the days. Oe set will have three days and the next set two days.

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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?

All students have a device. Hotspots have been delivered for families that need access. Internet services have also been provided to families that need the internet and the hotspots would not work. Paper and Pencil are prepared if needed or requested from families.

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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?

Notices will go out through the emergency messaging services to all families, it will be posted on the webpage, it will be provided through apps and notifications. Letters will be sent via email to families.

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