

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

Newton

Submitted

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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.

## 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.

11/6/2020 

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

11/13/2020 

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

The Jasper County average positivity over the past 14 days has been on the rise for the past week. Today, November 5, 2020 the rate is 20.2%.

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

Our district absentee rate is 7.33%. It only takes into account students who are home reported ill. Students quarantined due to exposure are not calculated in.

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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?

Teachers will implement the remote learning plans found on page I of each student's IEP. Special Education programming has been a part our planning process during the entire Return to Learn process.

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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 will continue to provide guidance counselor intervention with students

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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 504 plan accommodations will continue to be provided through a remote setting. Guidance counselors have reviewed all 504 plans to ensure the accommodations are possible and reasonable ways to meet student needs remotely.

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

students?

The Newton Community School District will be providing grab and go lunches to ALL families each day at no charge.

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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?

The District conducted a survey prior to the start of the school year and has been providing internet access at no charge to families who self reported lack of access. If someone loses access during the remote time period and internet access cannot be restored in a timeline manner teachers will reach out to families to implement other methods of engagement including paper - pencil, written materials, and scheduled virtual interactions.

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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?

Newton CSD has a Return to Learn website. We will also utilize Infinite Campus Messenger, email, media, and social media.

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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.