

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

West Liberty

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.

11/10/2020



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

11/24/2020



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

The avg county positive over the past 14 days in Muscatine is 21.4 %. We did talk with County Public Health and they indicated this is appropriate.

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

There is no current or anticipated required absentee rate following the guidance from the return to learn provided by DOE and IDPH. Today Nov 9, 2020, we reached the level of community transmission and substantial uncontrolled level of 21.4%

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Please upload any relevant information or supporting documentation.

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[% Case Nov 9,2020 WLCSD .pdf](#)
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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?

Students will have access to their general education and special education teachers through Google meets and email. Teachers will continue to monitor student progress and communicate with students and families on a regular basis. This SDI may be provided through asynchronous learning, Google Meets, Phone calls, or a combination thereof.

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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?

Counselors and teachers will continue to monitor students' mental health through classroom interactions, Google meets, and student and family communication. Referrals to outside agencies will continue for mental health and health needs. Counselors will meet virtually with students on an as-needed basis.

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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?

Students will receive applicable 504 accommodations as aligned with virtual learning expectations. Extended time for assessments or projects will be granted as well as any other accommodations applicable to students and the virtual learning environment.

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

students?

Families will be able to sign up for meals using a Google Form shared in our direct communication regarding district closure as well as on our website. If not able to access the Google Form will also be able to call our foodservice director/district office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm to be added to their desired meal pickup location. Meals will be available for pick-up from our Early Learning Center, Elementary school, and High School daily as well as pick-up locations in Atalissa and Nichols

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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?

Chromebooks will be provided to all students and those families who do not have internet access will be provided with a hotspot to provide access. We will also be able to provide hands-on/paper-based learning packets through a contact-less pick-up option. For families that are unable to pick up learning packets, the packets will be delivered.

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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?

Teachers will be communicating with families via email and/or telephone, as well as communication through Seesaw and Google Classroom/Meets.

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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.

Application was approved on November 5, then district asked to amend request. Amy Williamson re-set form on November 5.
Application was approved again on November 6. District asked to have application reopened on November 8. Application was re-set on November 8 by Amy Williamson.