



FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Educational Excellence, Community Atmosphere, Global Vision"

FIVE MEMORIAL DRIVE
FENNVILLE, MICHIGAN 49408

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Greetings Fennville Families:

It is so good to have students back at school following winter break and a week of remote learning! It is especially nice to have students back in the high school after an extended period of remote learning. We are committed to continuing our safety practices so that our schools can be open for in-person instruction as much as possible.

Another important factor in keeping students in school is having a healthy staff. Next week we have the opportunity for staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine which will help prevent future illness and staff absences. It is very difficult to find substitutes when staff members are absent, so we need to do all we can to keep our staff healthy. In order to allow staff to get the vaccine, **all of Fennville Public Schools will switch to remote learning for Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22.** Daycare will remain open on these days.

We know that remote learning days make it more difficult for many families, so we do not make this decision lightly. We see this investment of time for our staff to be vaccinated as an investment in keeping our schools open for in-person learning for the rest of the school year. Your patience and support for our staff as we continue to navigate these challenges is greatly appreciated.

As the vaccine becomes more available, the Allegan County Health Department will be conducting clinics around the county which will be open to the public by appointment. At this time the vaccine is only approved for those 16 years of age and older. Please note that Fennville Public Schools has no plans to require anyone to receive the vaccine and we will not be providing it to students.

Thank you for doing your part to keep illness out of the building in the first place. Please faithfully assess your child(ren) prior to leaving home. Symptoms to be watching for are (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness)

1. Temperature 100.4 or higher signs of fever (chills/sweating)
2. Sore throat
3. Uncontrolled cough
4. Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
5. Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
6. Severe headache
7. Loss of taste or smell

It is recommended that your child be tested for COVID-19 if they get any of these symptoms. You can call 2-1-1 or go to www.michigan.gov/coronavirustest for testing locations.

Sincerely,

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