

October 26, 2020

Herscher CUSD No. 2 School Community,

The District has been notified by the Kankakee County Health Department that we have a COVID-19 outbreak at Herscher High School. An outbreak is defined as an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 who has been in contact with one or more individuals who have subsequently contracted COVID-19 or are showing symptoms.

To be as specific as possible, the Kankakee Health Department has notified the District that we have more than one student at Herscher High School that has tested positive for COVID-19 or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 and other students who were known to be in close proximity of that student(s) have tested positive or are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19. The Kankakee Health Department is recommending that Herscher High School close for the next (14) days in order to perform a deep cleansing of the building and to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

As a result, Herscher High School will be closed for student attendance from October 27-November 9. Herscher High School students may return to in-person instruction on November 10, 2020. *Students may stop by the school to pick-up necessary educational items, but must report to the office when entering the building. In addition to this, ALL schools in the district will be closed tomorrow, October 27th as we will be taking a District-wide Remote Instruction Planning Day.

On October 28th, Limestone Middle School, Herscher Intermediate School and Bonfield Grade School will re-open for in-person instruction.

To reiterate, there be NO attendance (including Remote Instruction) for all schools in the District tomorrow, October 27th. Starting on October 28th, our PK-8th grade attendance centers will re-open for in-person instruction and Remote Instruction will also resume at the PK-8 level. Starting October 28-November 9, all Herscher High School students will receive Remote Instruction from their teachers.

Thank you for your understanding during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions, I will attempt to answer them via e-mail as best as possible. Please have a safe rest of the week!

*Bus service, lunch service and after school care will remain for the PK-8 Schools with the exception of tomorrow. There will be lunches available for 9-12 students as well.

Dr. Richard S. Decman, Superintendent