

Osage Community School District

The Mission of the Osage Community Schools is to sustain and enhance a caring community to produce enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Good Afternoon Green Devil Families,

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with everything that has gone on with the COVID 19 virus and the implications it has had for our school in the last 4 months. It has not been an easy time, but we appreciate the work and cooperation of our families!!!

The Proclamation issued by the Governor on Friday does NOT have any impact on the plans Osage has recently communicated as part of our Return to Learn (RTL) plan for the 2020-21 school year. Parents will still have the choice between in-person learning OR remote online learning.

The Osage School Board meets Monday at 5:30 to discuss and take action on details of the Osage RTL plan. We will then be communicating with all families, but realize this will continue to change and evolve with more guidance coming from the Dept of Education.

Today, as a community, we must understand that the decisions we make—and the actions we take—over the next four to six weeks can either greatly increase or drastically reduce the likelihood of any on-site learning for our students in August and September. We know our staff, parents, employers, and our students want our schools to reopen. We need everyone in our community to take purposeful steps to make that happen!!

Here are simple steps we can all take to maximize the potential for reopening our schools and to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

1. Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
2. Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
4. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
5. Practice social distancing

Mitchell County and the surrounding counties have seen a drastic rise in COVID19 in the last 4 weeks. We have the power to change our path and to take the actions necessary to make on-site learning a reality for this school year. We know our parents, students, and the community needs us soon. Today, we are saying we need you NOW. Help us by doing your part with your family.

Thank you for your support of Osage Schools, and thank you for doing your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. ANY QUESTIONS please email bschwamman@osage.k12.ia.us

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