

PIONEER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pioneer Families,

This is a follow-up letter regarding the temporary suspension of in-person learning through January 21st in the Pioneer School District. We had to make this decision quickly based on two primary factors: 1) an accelerating number of positive COVID-19 cases, exposures, and students or staff with symptoms waiting on test results; and 2) staffing challenges due to high numbers of staff absences and low availability of substitutes. After consultation with the Mason County Health Department it was determined the best option for the district was to provide remote instruction and reduce transmission.

Remote learning began today and in-person learning is projected to resume with our regular schedule on **Monday, January 24th**. During the temporary remote learning schedule we encourage you to watch for symptoms of COVID-19.. Symptoms of COVID-19 could include any of the following:

- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea (defined as two or more loose stools in 24 hours)

If symptoms develop, isolate at home, call your health care provider for evaluation, and get your child tested for COVID-19. Testing information is available on the Mason County Health Department website at: [Mason County Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Information \(masoncountywa.gov\)](https://masoncountywa.gov/COVID-19)

- If any student has a positive test result, please provide the test results to the school district and follow the recommendations of the health department or your healthcare provider.
- Additional COVID-19 information is available at [Mason County Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Information \(masoncountywa.gov\)](https://masoncountywa.gov/COVID-19).

We look forward to seeing your children back for in-person learning on **Monday, January 24th!**

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill Diehl, Superintendent