



Morley Stanwood Community Schools
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September 15, 2021

High School Only

Morley Stanwood Community High School Closure Thursday, September 16 through Friday September 24.

After careful consideration and close communication with the District 10 Health Department, it has been recommended that Morley Stanwood close down our High School temporarily. We are beginning to experience staffing shortages and a sizable portion of our student population absent from school. We are still meeting our 75% attendance requirement across the district on a daily basis, but I am concerned that at the increasing rates we will not. The Health Department recommendation is to close temporarily to fully assess all reasons for absences and to provide access for antigen testing. The more accurate our information is regarding percentages of students and staff being Covid-19 positive helps with making decisions about health and safety for all. Antigen testing will be available for students, staff, and parents during the district closure. Testing opportunities will be posted and emailed at a later date when that has been arranged. More information will be announced.

At this time, I am announcing that High School only will be closed Thursday, September 16, through Friday, September 24, and reopen Monday, September 27. Additional closures for a building or the district may occur after a full evaluation of current conditions.

Plans for synchronous virtual instruction for Thursday, Friday and next week are currently being made. More information will follow.

We will utilize the closure to do extensive cleaning throughout the district. Extra-curricular activities are not impacted by the building closures. All participants in extracurricular activities will continue to be closely monitored for any symptoms and action taken on an individual level. Athletes participating in any events will be tested prior to the game.

The decision to close the district has been difficult as I am aware of the impact that closing school, even temporarily, has on families. I do not take the health and safety of staff, students, or community lightly. I will continue to keep everyone updated as more information is available. We strongly encourage elementary and middle school students to continue to attend. Busses will be running as normal.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,


Roger Cole