



# SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Remote Instruction Surrounding Winter Break

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Dear Summit Public Schools Community,

In a year that has been truly unique, we recognize that opportunities to feel a sense of normalcy and be with our loved ones bring comfort. This was the spirit of the previously announced implementation of remote instruction after the winter break through January 15. As we continue to navigate this changing landscape, we feel it is our responsibility to reevaluate our plans as new information surfaces. We were recently informed that the Department of Health is now recommending schools to follow a 10-day quarantine after members of the school community return from travel outside the immediate region. As a result, we have made the decision to adjust our plans for remote instruction surrounding the winter break.

As announced at last night's Board of Education meeting, we will implement our remote instruction plan district-wide starting **Friday, December 18 through Wednesday, December 23, 2020**, continue remote instruction on January 4, 2021 and return to in-person instruction on **Thursday, January 14, 2021**. It is our hope that all members of our school community can take the necessary precautions to safely visit with family and loved ones. During this time, it is important to continue to practice safety protocols to ensure we mitigate the risk of exposure when we return to in-person instruction.

A return on January 14 keeps us in line with the recommended travel quarantine, while not needing to adjust the suggested return date from travel on January 3. It is important to note the distinction that although the travel quarantine recommendation from our local health experts is now 10 days; the exposure quarantine recommendation remains 14 days. After January 3, please limit your social gatherings to ensure we return to school in the safest manner possible.

It is understandable how challenging this environment can be when guidance is frequently changing. Keep in mind, we are all experiencing circumstances we have never been through before. Rest assured, our local Department of Health is constantly monitoring activity in our area, and making recommendations based on what is best for our community. As data or circumstances change, we continue to ask for your flexibility, patience, and support as we navigate through this together.

Be well,

Scott D. Hough  
Superintendent of Schools