

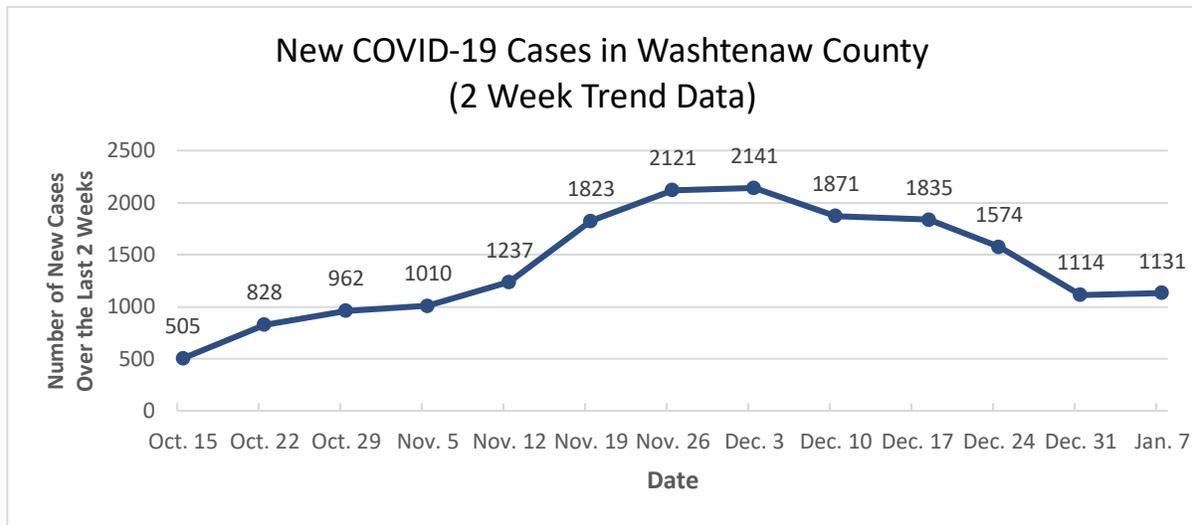


January 13, 2021

Dear WISD families,

At last night’s WISD Board of Education meeting, the Board voted to extend remote learning for two additional weeks through Friday, January 29, 2021. This decision was made based on a recommendation by our Instructional Governance Committee of program staff and supervisors and our Executive Administration who reviewed the four key points on our [WISD Decision-Making Matrix](#).

Most notably, while we were encouraged that COVID-19 cases were trending downward in our county over the past several weeks, this past week’s data did not follow this trend. We are starting to see the effects of holiday gatherings as we saw a slight increase in local cases (shown below).



However, with the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine in our community, we are hopeful that cases will trend down again so we can slowly start phasing back to in-person instruction and services. At the end of last week, Governor Gretchen Whitmer encouraged all schools in Michigan to offer some level of in-person instruction for at least some students by March 1, 2021. WISD is hopeful and optimistic for this, and we are planning for this goal as well. Our Board will review our instructional plan again later this month at their next meeting on January 26, 2021, and we will provide updates afterwards.

Our battle against COVID-19 is not over yet, but we are getting closer to overcoming this virus. Please continue helping us by wearing a face covering, maintaining physical distancing, practicing good hygiene habits, monitoring yourselves for any symptoms, cooperating with any contact tracing, and when it’s your turn, getting vaccinated. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to us using [Let’s Talk](#) or watch for a family survey after the winter break.

Please take good care. We can’t wait to see you soon.

Naomi Norman
Interim Superintendent