



# Mount Carmel Area School District

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This is a message for students and parents of the Mount Carmel Area School District.

Mount Carmel Area will return to full in-person instruction on Monday, January 11th. As mentioned in previous district messages we will be monitoring both our internal school district and local community positive cases in determining in-person instruction moving forward. (Please refer to December 27<sup>th</sup> update for more information)

I know our families are looking for consistency with their child's education but the current reality of the COVID-19 pandemic makes that very difficult. We will continue to follow Pennsylvania Department of Education and Pennsylvania Department of Health guidelines and make decisions that are best for our entire learning community. With that being said, our families must be prepared for virtual days at any moment due to the possible rise of internal cases.

Our district will continue to work with our families who choose to continue full virtual instruction with their Mount Carmel Area teachers. All we ask is that you communicate with your teacher and your school building with that choice. The option for full virtual instruction for our students will continue throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Another reminder to check back to our main website for the most up to date information concerning school district and local community positive COVID cases. The COVID-19 real time tracker will be our main form of communication related to positive cases moving forward. We will continue to communicate immediately via phone with any student or staff member that may be considered a possible close contact of a positive case.

As always we all must continue to be very vigilant in following COVID-19 pandemic protocols. *Parents should continue daily morning screenings before sending their child to school and students should stay home if sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. The time is now to be extra cautious.*

Please reach out to your building main office or district office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Pete Cheddar