



Dear ZED Families,

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Like many public schools throughout the state of Minnesota, we are struggling with the impact COVID-19 is having on our learning environments. As you know all ZED programs (T2Success, ZED South, and ALC) are currently in the distance learning model with the hopes of students returning this week. Our goal is always to keep the students in the classroom as much as possible.

In working with Olmsted County Health, the Minnesota Department of Health Regional Support Team, and ZED's local incident command team, it was determined that ZED will need to continue in the distance learning model longer based on those discussions. Some factors that went into this decision include high transmission rates in almost all of the 7 counties that make up ZED, increased lab-confirmed positive cases in our school community, and the fast-moving trend data for positive COVID-19 cases shared from health partners in the coming holiday weeks. While this is truly a burden to our families and a very hard decision to make, ZED strives to take the safest approach possible for our students.

ZED plans to CONTINUE with the distance learning model for all students in the T2Success, ZED South and ALC programs until **Tuesday, January 12th**.

Here is the current plan:

- **NOW - Tuesday, January 12th:** Distance learning for all ZED students
- **Wednesday, January 13th:** resume in-person learning for K-5 students and hybrid learning model for middle/high school hybrid

We will be closely monitoring the situation should things change and we are able to bring all students back earlier. Please be monitoring all communications from ZED during these changing times.

You will be contacted by your child's teacher later this week with more specific information as we move forward with programming updates. Additional information can also be found at <https://www.zumbroed.org/domain/143>.

During the distance learning period, we ask that parents still contact their school if your child has symptoms, is a close contact to COVID or gets a positive COVID test. Those numbers are below:

ZED South:	507-775-2108	dellingworth@zumbroed.org
ZED ALC:	507-775-2083	astites@zumbroed.org
T2Success:	507-775-2083	pames@zumbroed.org

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation, support, and patience as ZED continues to adjust to the evolving public health situation.

Sincerely,

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