



August 4, 2020

Greetings Zumbro Education District families,

On July 30th, Governor Tim Walz announced that school district operations for the 2020-21 school year will be driven by county-level virus metrics provided by the Minnesota Department of Health. It is clear that our local collective effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 will determine whether or not students can attend in-person.

As you know all school districts, in collaboration with their local public health departments and the Minnesota Department of Education, can choose from three learning models for the 2020-21 school year: 1) In-person 2) Hybrid 3) Distance Learning. While ZED may start in a particular learning model in the fall, they may need to change depending on the local COVID case numbers. ZED plans to announce their fall learning model on August 11th through their normal communication channels and a parent letter. *****Any ZED family can opt for their student to receive distant learning regardless if we are currently offering an in-person or hybrid model. Parents should just contact their ZED program supervisor if they want the distance learning option at any point. Those contacts are:**

Area Learning Center (ALC)	Amy Stites	507-775-2083	astites@zumbroed.org
ZED South Campus	Duane Ellingworth	507-775-2108	dellingworth@zumbroed.org
T2Success	Pat Ames	507-775-2037	pames@zumbroed.org

In planning for the school year, ZED has many teams of people ensuring that student and staff safety is always at the forefront of any decision. Many considerations will be taken such as (but not limited to):

- Staff/students will wear face coverings and/or non-medical face shields throughout the day with ZED providing some of these materials
- Establish a routine for disinfection of high touch surface areas throughout the day
- Build hand hygiene into the daily schedule including handwashing after all activities
- Restrict non-essential visitors to the buildings

- Develop a schedule that limits student travel across building spaces
- Monitor student arrival/dismissal procedures that include temperature checks for all those that enter ZED facilities

ZED is also asking that families monitor their students at home for any potential COVID-19 symptoms which include:

- Fever/chills --Cough --Shortness of breath --Fatigue --Muscle aches
- Headache --New loss of taste/smell --Sore throat --Runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting --Diarrhea

If ZED does decide to have students in the building, any that arrive with these symptoms will be sent home as a precaution. Please ensure you are checking with your son/daughter and doing a pre-screening prior to sending them to school. ZED plans to finalize all their protocols and details with each of the three learning models in the coming weeks; we will be putting them up on our website (www.zumbroed.org) prior to the first day of school. We will be communicating more details in the coming weeks as well and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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