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The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information about the closure for grades 6-12 on October 18 and 19. On October 6, the Deer River Board of Education passed a Health and Safety Measures Resolution in response to rapidly rising local COVID-19 rates. They also considered the increase in positive student cases reported at the high school and likely incidences of transmission within the school setting. In addition, the increase was occurring at a time when we were without the services of a district school nurse. Current district data is included within this letter.

The first action within the resolution was to implement a temporary face covering requirement effective October 11. The closure dates are a follow up action authorized within the resolution to take additional steps to prevent the possibility of continued spread of communicable diseases within the high school setting. The Board will consider other possible precautions at their regular October 18 business meeting; to include a possible temporary transition to an alternate day hybrid learning model effective October 25. These decisions are based on the priorities identified by the Board at a special work session held on September 28:

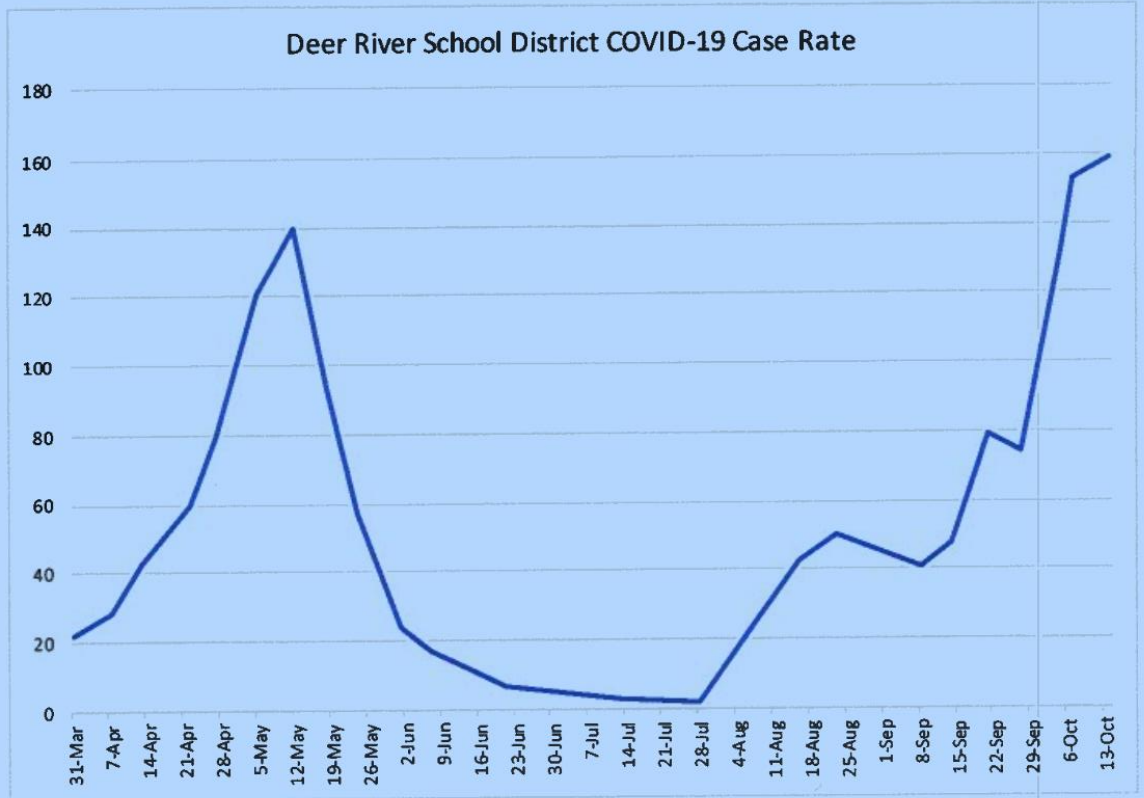
1. Maintain a safe and productive learning environment.
2. Keep King Elementary School open to provide consistency for families.
3. Keep DRHS open daily if possible and adapt if necessary to support the first two goals.
4. Postpone or cancel non-essential events as necessary to support the first three goals.

- Next week, there will be **no school for students in Grades 6-12 on October 18 & 19.**
- High School **(6-12) students will participate remotely on October 20** through Schoology or other assignments communicated by their teachers.
- High School activities and events will continue with safety precautions.
- King Elementary School will remain open as scheduled on October 18-20.
- The scheduled break for the Minnesota Educator Academy (MEA) will occur October 21-22. There is no school scheduled for grades K-12 during the break.

All school board documents, are available on the district website at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/2476>

Jeff Pesta, Superintendent

31-Mar	22
7-Apr	28
13-Apr	43
22-Apr	60
27-Apr	79
5-May	121
12-May	140
18-May	94
24-May	57
1-Jun	24
7-Jun	17
21-Jun	7
13-Jul	3
28-Jul	2
23-Aug	50
16-Aug	43
8-Sep	41
14-Sep	48
21-Sep	79
27-Sep	74
5-Oct	134
7-Oct	153
14-Oct	159



- * Confirmed school transmission occurred at both high points
- * Both school transmission and local case rates have consistently been low during hybrid instruction
- * Case rates per 10,000 residents within district boundaries