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## The three secondary NACS schools shift to remote learning for the next two weeks due to COVID-19

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (Thursday, Oct. 12, 2020)** –Northwest Allen County Schools will shift to remote learning at Carroll Middle School, Maple Creek Middle School, and Carroll High from Nov. 13 to Nov. 24, due to an influx of recently confirmed COVID cases. All elementary schools will continue with onsite learning activities as previously scheduled.

"The confirmed cases are across all middle school and high school grade levels and affect both students and staff members," said Dr. Chris Himsel, superintendent, Northwest Allen County Schools.

NACS Food Services will continue to provide meals for students shifting to remote learning starting today when they leave school. Details about the meal pickup process may be found on the NACS website. Due to federal pandemic funding, student meals are currently free, so parents may choose to continue receiving that benefit despite the shift in learning environments for NACS middle and high school students.

"With the cooperation and commitment that our students and staff demonstrated in adhering to our reopening plans, we successfully implemented onsite learning experiences for nearly three months," Himsel said. "I have confidence that we can continue offering onsite learning experiences if we are also diligent in implementing COVID mitigation strategies away from school."

Teachers and administrators will continue to work onsite and, as an extra precautionary step, custodial staff will complete an extensive and thorough cleaning of CMS, MCMS and CHS during the hiatus from onsite learning.

NACS follows the guidance of state and local health officials when determining who must be quarantined due to a confirmed case.

Resources for COVID-19 may be found at <a href="https://www.allencountyhealth.com/get-informed/covid-19/">https://www.allencountyhealth.com/get-informed/covid-19/</a>. More information about each school may be found online at <a href="nacs.k12.in.us">nacs.k12.in.us</a>.

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