



CMSD'S DECISION TO REMAIN IN REMOTE LEARNING QUARTER 2 FACT SHEET

- On October 16, the district announced plans to remain in a remote learning environment in Quarter 2, and shared the decision with the school community via Video Message, IVR, email and posts on the CMSD Website, social media and mobile app.
- The district will remain in a remote learning environment when Quarter 2 begins on November 9, and remain in that mode through our planned winter break on December 21.
- The decision is based on public health agency warnings of increased risk in our area and on feedback from families and staff:
 - Governor Mike DeWine has issued a message of caution to all Ohio residents of a surge in COVID-19 cases in 29 counties, including Cuyahoga
 - Cuyahoga County moved from orange to red on the COVID risk scale
 - Public health data in Cleveland and across Ohio shows an increase in cases and increased risk for exposure to Coronavirus
 - Feedback from staff and families show an increasing level of comfort with the current mode of learning, and shows a desire for minimal disruption during times of heightened anxiety
- Prior to an increase in our risk level, CMSD was positioned to begin phasing in special populations of students that are the most academically vulnerable, including those with special needs, English Language Learners in need of support, seniors who are off-track for graduation and Career Technical Education students whose CTE certification requires on-site activities.
- CMSD was also poised to begin in-district competition between most of our winter sports teams, although with no spectators and with only in-league competitions.
- Our plan to phase in these in-person opportunities has been put on hold, so the District can focus on protecting the health and safety of our school community and can continue improving our current mode of instruction during this period of heightened risk.
- If public health data improves during this extended remote learning period, CMSD will revisit its plan to offer voluntary in-person instruction for the special populations identified above, in addition to revising the potential restart of some winter athletic programming yet this quarter.