

COMSTOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes, Superintendent
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November 16, 2020

Dear Comstock Families,

Last night at a press conference, Robert Gordon, the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, announced a statewide, three-week "Pause to Save Lives." Under his authority within the Michigan Public Health Code (MCL 333.2253), Director Gordon ordered all Michiganders to follow specific rules and regulations to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (see attachment). These directives take effect on Wednesday, November 18 and impact the operations of public schools including Comstock.

The immediate influence on our district is minimized by the fact that our Board of Education had already proactively placed students and staff on a virtual-only instructional model since Thursday, November 12. However, the new regulations will change our path forward in the following ways:

- The orders are in place beginning Wednesday, November 18 through Tuesday, December 8. Even though our Board had targeted a return to face-to-face instruction for Monday, December 7, the earliest date for this to occur is now Wednesday, December 9.
- All athletic and interscholastic practices, competitions, tournaments, and activities are suspended.
- The Education For Employment (EFE) Auto program at Comstock High School is closed during this time.
- The Board-approved one-on-one counseling or small-group tutoring sessions are also suspended.
- Effective immediately, meal distribution will move to Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning Tuesday Nov. 17th. Adults may pick up meals for children, and we ask that adults pick one location and stick with it, and not visit multiple sites. Children will receive a full seven (7) days of school meals while the district is in full remote learning. All sites are closed on Friday Nov. 27th. The distribution schedule is as follows:
 - CHS: 12-2pm Tue/Fri - 3 days of meals on Tuesdays and 4 days of meals on Fridays
 - Pavilion: 12-1:30pm Tue/Fri (per the posted stops on the district website - www.ComstockPS.org/eat) - 3 days of meals on Tuesdays and 4 days of meals on Fridays
 - CES: 12-2pm Fridays ONLY during packet pickup days - 7 days of meals on Fridays
 - Any questions about the meal program can be directed to the food service office at 269-250-8719 or email foodhelp@comstockps.org.
- As we learn of more details or changes to these orders, I will update our community in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

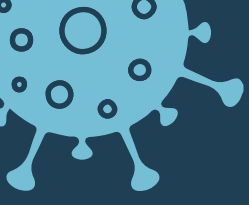
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Thoenes
Superintendent

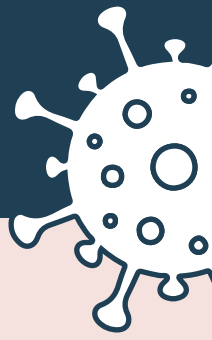
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COVID-19

PAUSE TO SAVE LIVES



Open



Two-household gathering
(high precautions)*



Small outdoor gatherings
(25 people)



Retail



Preschool through 8th grade
(local district choice)



Childcare



Manufacturing, construction,
other work that is impossible
to do remotely



Public transit



Hair salons, barber shops,
other personal services



Gyms and pools
(for individual exercise)



Restaurants and bars (outdoor
dining, takeout, and delivery)



Professional sports**
(without spectators)



Parks and outdoor
recreation



Funerals
(25 people)



Health care

*See Social Gathering Guidance.

**Includes a limited number of NCAA sports.

Not open



High schools
(in-person learning)



Theaters, movie theaters,
stadiums, arenas



Colleges and universities
(in-person learning)



Bowling centers, ice skating
rinks, indoor water parks



Workplaces, when work can
be done from home



Bingo halls, casinos,
arcades



Restaurants and bars
(indoor dining)



Group fitness classes



Organized sports, except
professional sports