



*Northwestern R-1 School*

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Dear Northwestern Parents, Patrons, and Students:

The Northwestern R-I School District has procedures and guidelines in place to help prevent the spread and transmission of COVID-19. In lieu of our efforts, we were informed after school that we have a positive case in the high school. We are committed to sharing information regarding the pandemic as openly as possible. Due to health privacy laws we are unable to release names of individuals.

As a result of the positive case the Chariton County Health Department will be conducting contact tracing. In an effort to allow the health department time to contact trace and mitigate the potential spread of the virus, **school will be cancelled on Thursday, October 29. No virtual instruction will take place on Thursday. Vo-Tech students will not attend.** A decision will be made and communicated via text cast and social media by 1:00 p.m. on October 29 as to whether school will proceed with in-person classes or virtually on Friday, October 30.

Meal delivery will be available on Thursday, October 29. Please call the office between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. if you wish to receive food service. Meal delivery will begin via school buses at 11:00 a.m.

Teachers will be on campus working and communicating with students to prepare for the possibility of an extended closure.

In accordance with health department policy, all close contacts will quarantine according to CDC and Chariton County Health Department guidelines. **Only** persons notified by the health department are required to quarantine. Due to health privacy laws, Northwestern R-I will not disclose information on close contacts or quarantined individuals.

Please continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and take the appropriate precautions from the Center for Disease Control and the Chariton County Health Department to mitigate community spread of this virus. We appreciate everything our community is doing to support our school during this pandemic.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Eric Hoyt'.

Eric Hoyt  
Superintendent