

For Immediate Release

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**Hannibal Central School District Goes Fully Remote**  
**Through October 9, 2020**

The Hannibal Central School District will engage all students in remote learning effective Monday, September 28, 2020. In-person instruction will resume Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

As reported on September 26, 2020, the Oswego County Health Department notified the district that one staff member had tested positive for COVID-19. Today, September 29, 2020, the Health Department notified the district that additional cases have been identified amongst staff and at least one student. The Health Department is in the process of reaching out to each student's family or staff member who may have had close contact with those who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Christopher Staats, states: "Safety is our top priority. At this time, it is in the best interest of our students and staff to engage our students through remote learning for the next two weeks. I am committed to supporting our instructional staff to build upon the relationship that have been established and provide a strong instructional program to our students."

"The Health Department has worked with all districts prior to schools reopening to review plans and procedures to be able to contact trace and notify staff and families of students that may be exposed to COVID 19. The timely response and cooperation of the Hannibal School District helped in the implementation of strategies to contain the spread of the virus," stated Diane Oldenburg, Senior Public Health Educator with the Oswego County Health Department.

The Hannibal Central School District has worked in close partnership with the Oswego County Health Department throughout the weekend. The Health Department, not the District, evaluates each case and makes determination of

contact tracing. The Superintendent would like to personally thank the health department team that has worked with the District over the past two days.