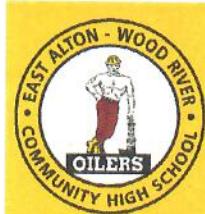


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EAWR #14 Families and Staff,

The Board of Education and district administration have been reviewing the recently released Illinois Department of Public Health metrics that work to provide information about levels of community transmission of COVID19 within specific regions of Illinois.

At this time, EAWR plans to continue with the in-person, hybrid learning plan that was approved at the August 11, 2020 Board of Education meeting. However, in the event that the Madison County metrics are at levels that result in the county being issued a **“Warning”** designation for **two consecutive weeks**, the district will transition to remote learning for most district students. These notifications are issued on Friday afternoons *for the previous week*, so in the event the county is given a **“Warning”** label for two consecutive Fridays (with this Friday, August 21st being the 1st Friday and Friday, August 28th being the second Friday), the plan is for the district to immediately notify all stakeholders that the district will be transitioning to remote learning the following Monday (Aug. 31st). In order to ensure the school buildings are safe for students to return for in-person learning, the district is planning to continue with remote learning until the county has moved out of **“Warning”** for **two consecutive weeks**. These metrics and other information about the **“Warning”** designation can be found at <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics?county=Madison>.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the County Health Department or some other authority recommends an earlier return to 100% remote learning, there is a possibility that EAWR *may* go to full remote **before** Aug. 31st.

The Center for Disease Control has indicated that in-person instruction should be provided during this pandemic but has also been clear that it is only safe to do so when community transmission is occurring at low levels. We understand that a transition to remote learning would create hardships for our students, parents, and staff, but we must continue to operate throughout this pandemic with the safety of our students and staff as our first priority. Please help us keep our students in school by practicing these simple health and safety practices that will prevent community transmission of COVID19:

1. **Wear a face covering**
2. **Wash hands and sanitize often**
3. **When possible, practice social distancing**

Thank you for your help in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and for your continued patience as we navigate this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Pearson".

Dr. John Pearson, Superintendent