

October 16, 2020

Dear St. Francis Families,

I am writing to inform you about the status of in-person learning for the St. Francis School District. As many of you know, we had planned on bringing back our K4 and K5 students starting on October 19 for instruction.

This afternoon, we received our weekly report from the South Milwaukee / St. Francis Health Department. The City of St. Francis numbers are on the high-end of acceptable for hybrid instruction (Burden of Disease was 287.82), but the percent positive rate was very high at 11.6%. Regional numbers and local municipalities numbers are much higher than the City of St. Francis. Using our metrics, this does not allow us to provide in-person instruction. Two neighboring districts, Oak Creek and the School District of South Milwaukee have shifted back to virtual instruction starting next week.

In summary, we will remain in a virtual environment for all students for the next two weeks. We will re-evaluate our plan to move to a hybrid instructional model on November 2 next week. On Monday (10/19), we will make a determination and make an announcement on fall athletics after some internal discussions.

I apologize for the short notice. We had looked forward to seeing your children and watching them learning. We truly miss them. Thank you to the staff who have prepared for the in-person instruction.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Elworthy  
Interim Superintendent