

# Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning (Optional)

West Liberty

Submitted

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## Information

Department of Education and Public Health guidelines recommend applying for a waiver for temporary Continuous/Remote Learning for an entire school building or district for up to 14 days if both of the following criteria have been met. You may still apply even if you do not meet these requirements.

- 15-20% positivity in the county on average over the past 14 days
- 10% absenteeism among students expected for in-person learning

Only the Departments of Education and Public Health can make the determination and provide temporary authorization to move to 100% online or remote learning. This plan is fluid and subject to change as more information becomes available.

## Circumstance Requiring Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

Temporary Permission to Provide Primarily Continuous/Remote Learning is being sought for

- the entire public school district.
- one or more buildings within the public school district.
- a state accredited nonpublic school.

Please enter the date that you propose primarily continuous/remote learning will begin.

11/5/2020



Please enter the date that you propose primarily continuous/remote learning will end.

11/19/2020



What was the county's average positivity over the past 14 days?

The avg county positive over the past 14 days in Muscatine is 17.1 %. We did talk with County Public Health and they indicated this is appropriate.

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What is your current or anticipated absentee rate and how was it calculated?

The current absentee rate at the ELC is 10.5%. We calculated that based on the students that are currently expected onsite (131). Isolated/quarantined students were not calculated into the % rate, only the students that are sick.

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Please upload any relevant information or supporting documentation.

**File Uploaded:**  
[Absence Rate November 4th.pdf](#)  
Uploaded on: 11/04/2020

## Provision of Temporary Continuous/Remote Learning

If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that all students with IEPs are provided with FAPE during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

If the application for temporary permission is approved, the building special education teachers will be working alongside general education teachers to accommodate virtual learning lessons. They will also provide specially designed instruction (SDI) in accordance with the the student's IEP/ipage. This SDI may be provided through asynchronous learning, Google Meets, Phone calls, or a combination thereof.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that students who require mental health or health services still have access to these services during the time the district/school is providing services primarily online?

The school counselor for the ELC will provide a letter to parents with her office hours and Google Voice number as well as email. She will be prepared to respond to student needs during this time.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district or accredited nonpublic school ensure that students with 504 plans continue to receive services?

504 services will continue to be provided through virtual instruction, as applicable.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district continue to provide meals to

students?

Meal pick-up times will be occurring at the West Liberty ELC. Parents will fill out a Google Form if they plan to pick up meals and will pick up breakfast and lunch at the same time.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, how will the district provide access to instructional materials and services for students who do not have access to the internet?

Families will be able to request Hotspots if they do not have access to the internet. We will also be able to provide hands-on/paper-based learning packets through a contact-less pick up option. For families that are unable to pick up learning packets, the packets will be delivered.

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If the application for temporary permission is approved, what process will you use to communicate with parents/families on educational services and changes in delivery models?

All parents will be contacted via a descript letter that goes home with students in English and Spanish. They will also receive a robo-call that goes to both their email and their listed phone numbers. Learning/Instructional information will also be provided through Seesaw for all families that have registered/signed up. We will be providing basic information via facebook that does not provide specific student or staff information.

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## Record of Application Approval

This Question Can Only Be Answered By Iowa Department of Education Staff

Department staff will use the field below to record the history of application approval.

Application was approved on November 5, then district asked to amend request. Amy Williamson re-set form on November 5.