

A NOTE FROM



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Governor Holcomb has announced new steps to protect the public from COVID-19. Below is the portion that applies to public schools. RCSC will follow the Governor's directions and restrict gatherings to below 250 people in a single room. At the current time, there are no reported cases of COVID-19 in Jasper or surrounding counties and school is in session. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people. This includes any event or gathering of people who are in one room or a single space at the same time, such as cafeterias, churches, stadiums, meeting and conference rooms, auditoriums and the like. This guidance applies to professional, social, community and similar other gatherings.

Effective immediately, school corporations will be provided with a 20-day waiver of the required 180 instructional days for use as needed for the remainder of the academic year. The waived days do not need to be used consecutively and can be leveraged as needed.

If a school corporation has evidence of community spread or a confirmed positive test for coronavirus, officials should consult with the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana State Department of Health for additional steps. Schools should plan now for broader closures, including eLearning and remote classroom options.

The Department of Education will release additional guidance detailing the process for submitting waiver requests as early as Friday. Schools should follow the guidelines for non-essential gatherings as they make decisions about non-essential extra-curricular or co-curricular activities.

You can read the entire press release here:

<https://calendar.in.gov/site/gov/event/gov-holcomb-announces-new-steps-to-protect-public-from-covid-19/>