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HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS TO LOCKDOWN SCHOOLS

During this uncertain time and with increasing cases of COVID-19 in the state of West Virginia, Harrison County Schools has decided to limit the number of employees at school buildings across the county effective Monday, March 23.

The Harrison County Board of Education offices will remain open during normal business hours but will operate with limited staff reporting to the offices. These measures are taken in an effort to adhere to strict social distancing put in place by the state government.

As for school buildings, minimal staff will report. Essential employees will only be granted access to the building if less than ten (10) individuals are in the building. If the number of employees would exceed ten (10), the individual(s) will wait until the number of employees inside goes below that limit.

Before entering the building, individuals will be questioned as to recent travel history and exposure to other individuals that may have shown symptoms of COVID-19.

If you are feeling sick, running a temperature, or experiencing respiratory issues, please refrain from entering on to school property. Rather than coming in person, we encourage employees and the public to communicate via phone or email. If necessary, an employee or individual can arrange an appointment to enter school property. During this time away from school property, HCS employees are easily available through email and phone to answer any questions that may arise.

While the school buildings are shutdown, custodians are sanitizing and cleaning the facilities so that students and staff can return to a clean and safe environment when that time comes.

The Harrison County Board of Education, Harrison County Schools, administrators, and staff take these precautions very seriously to protect our communities and students.

These uncertain times are ever-changing and administrators are working to evaluate the situation and best practices on a day-by-day basis.