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McCracken County families, staff and students,

Due to the alarming increase in COVID-19 cases across Kentucky, including right here in McCracken County, Governor Beshear issued an executive order yesterday to close all public and private schools to in-person learning starting Monday, November 23.

His order also requires all middle and high schools to continue virtual learning until January 5. Elementary and intermediate schools may reopen December 8 using a hybrid model (Groups A and B) if their county is not in the red, and if they follow all healthy-at-school guidelines. **We will communicate with families on December 3 if we are able to switch to in-person learning (Groups A and B) for our elementary and intermediate students on December 8.**

Getting this virus under control will require the effort of all Kentuckians, including us. These steps aren't easy, but they're what's needed to slow the spread of COVID-19, and to avoid overwhelming our healthcare system. We want to make sure our frontline workers are able to provide life-saving interventions to people who need them.

We're eager to welcome our elementary and intermediate students back to school December 8, but to do so we have to get McCracken County out of the red. We can and should all do our part to make that happen.

Stay home when you can. Wash your hands thoroughly, and often. Reschedule or postpone indoor social gatherings. And when you do venture out or interact with anyone outside your household, keep your distance and wear a mask. If we all do our part, we're more likely to slow the spread of this virus and get our kids back to school sooner, and safely.

Thanksgiving will look different this year, but the sentiment is the same: gratitude. It's a powerful thing, and can help us get through even the toughest times. This moment is no exception. Let's all remember to be grateful for each other, and to take care of one another.

Give thanks, and stay safe,

Steven T. Carter

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