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Brian Hurt, Chief, Cornell Police Department
Dr. Paul Schley, Superintendent, Cornell School District
Craig Braatenm, Assistant Administrator, Cornell School District

Angela Weideman: Good Afternoon, my name is Angie Weideman I'm the Public Health Director for Chippewa County. Thank you for tuning in today, we are live in Cornell today at the EMS building. We will be conducting fit testing for masks today with the Cornell Police and EMS team. We wanted to also bring some other community leaders in today. So today we will be hearing from Brian Hurt, who is the Chief of Police for Cornell, Paul Schley who is the Superintendent of schools, and Craig Braaten who is the Assistant Administrator. We wanted to give a few other updates. As of today, there is only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Chippewa County. We also wanted to address the Safer at Home order issued by Governor Evers this morning. Right now we are still waiting on clarification from the Governor on exactly what this will mean. Here is what we do know right now. Non-essential businesses will be asked to close. Do not panic, grocery stores will still be open. We are asking people to stay at home. You can't go visit your friends for dinner. You can't go stay at your cabin. Travel creates more exposure and we want to limit exposure. You can still get outside and walk your dogs. It is good exercise and it is good for everyone's mental health. Please do not take any unnecessary trips and limit your travel to essential needs, like going to the doctor, getting groceries or getting medications. Keep washing your hands and staying six feet away from each other in public and covering your cough and sneeze with your elbow. We will share more information regarding the Safer at Home Order on Facebook once we have more information. The health department is your resource for up-to-date information and please keep checking our website and Facebook for more information. Now I'm going to introduce Brian Hurt the Chief of Police for Cornell.

Brian Hurt: Good Afternoon, I'm Brian Hurt the Chief of Police with the City of Cornell. I would like to remind everyone that although we are going through a very unprecedented time I want everyone to know that Cornell is a community that cares as well as the Chippewa Valley. One thing I would like to encourage everyone to do is adopt a neighbor. Particularly if you have a neighbor that is elderly or living alone. Find ways to connect with each other while maintaining social distancing. Stop by a neighbor's house knock on the door back up over six feet away, chat with them, talk to them, make sure they are alright. Get a phone number for these folks; call them at a set time every day so we know that these people are being checked on within the community. It is also very important for us as first responders that you get a phone number and connect with these people because if there is a

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problem that develops you may be the one to contact law enforcement and EMS so we can get community help to them. Thank you.

Paul Schley: Good afternoon this is Paul Schley the Superintendent of Cornell School District. The biggest question I have gotten is, "What about our Seniors?" We have our seniors taken care of. They have already been contacted to know the requirements that they need to graduate; so we will make sure that is taken care of. We are not sure on that ceremony yet but we will make something special for those students. In the elementary, the elementary teachers should have already been in contact with you or will be shortly as far as what they are expecting from the students for academics over the next few weeks. They will be in touch and we will be sending buses home today to drop off all the materials that the students had in their desks. Or you will be able to pick them up this afternoon in the commons in either building. With that we have Assistant Administrator Craig Braaten come on over to talk about the high school.

Craig Braaten: Thank you Dr. Shley. The high school and middle school specific core instruction will meet via zoom for a portion of each day. The remainder of the day the staff will be available for one-on-one small group instruction as well as prep time available for assessments. We are in the final stages of constructing a Zoom meeting schedule for all middle and high school students to ensure that there is as little class overlap as possible. Assessments will be conducted through our digital access platform. Staff is in the process of contacting students and parents to inform them of our digital program and what to expect in the upcoming days. We expect to be up and running with the digital format by Thursday with expectations that our staff is leading online learning by 8:00AM. Parents as we speak are collecting Chrome Books and laptops for both district buildings. And finally, we are in the process of developing non-core curriculum suitable for online learning for our Art, Music, Phy-ED, Tech and Agriculture departments.

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