

Dear Klickitat,

I am canceling school tomorrow, Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, and all school activities/practices starting today thru the weekend due to illness.

Recently some students and some staff have come down with similar illness symptoms of fever-cough-nausea. Today our number of students and staff with these symptoms reached a level where the health professionals I consulted with have recommended this closure of school. The Klickitat County Health Department has also been made aware.

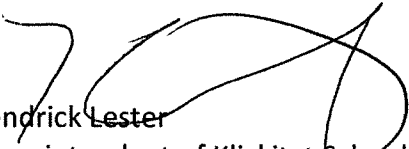
It continues to be suspected that these are cases of the flu as this has been confirmed among those testing locally and has been reported by other area schools. No positive cases of Covid have been encountered at this time.

I'm sure my frustration is shared by others as daily school and other activities are important to our students & community. However, it is essential that we get healthy and come back Monday to a safe and meaningful school environment so we can finish this last week before Winter Break with all other events and activities as scheduled.

The school campus will be closed until we return on Monday so a thorough cleaning of the school buildings can occur. In the meantime, students & staff are asked to stay home and get healthy!

This cancellation will result on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> being used as a makeup school day.

We look forward to seeing everyone back & healthy for school on Monday. If any are still not feeling well next week, please communicate with the school office and stay home to recover.

  
Kendrick Lester  
Superintendent of Klickitat Schools