

March 12, 2020

Dear MDPS Parents and Staff,

With the Governor's recommendation to cancel large group gatherings, in order to minimize the potential exposure of buildings, staff, and students to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and two known cases in Michigan, Madison District Public Schools will follow the Governor's recommendations to prevent and mitigate exposure to this pandemic.

It is important to know that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Madison District Public Schools and there are no staff members or students currently being monitored by health officials.

The following actions will take place immediately until further notice or official recommendation to resume these activities:

- Canceling/postponing all large group events: This includes concerts, Kindergarten Round-Up, Family Fun Nights, fundraisers, PTO meetings, college visits, partnership activities including art therapy, yoga, and all programs outside of the normal school day that occur within our buildings. The only events that will continue are Tutoring, Robotics, and Spring Camp.
- Canceling/postponing all school sponsored travel, including field trips and any staff professional development outside of the district
- Canceling all assemblies involving participation by the public.
- Canceling all rental agreements to outside groups.
- Canceling all school athletics through the end of this week. Further decisions will be made after that time. We will look to the MHSAA for ongoing guidance and connect with families as this guidance is updated.
- Continue to thoroughly clean and disinfect all of our buildings and common surfaces and follow all guidance from the CDC, WHO, MDE, Oakland County Health Department, Oakland Schools, and others as we navigate this issue.
- Continue recommended cleaning and hygiene:
 - Daily practices with staff and students, centering on washing hands thoroughly and using hand sanitizer. We are asking all staff and students to practice "no contact greetings" in place of handshakes and high fives.
 - Stay home if you are sick, and advise others to do the same.
 - Always cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, and dispose of the tissue immediately.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

It is important to remain calm right now. There will be rumors and gossip, but please continue to focus on what is known and not on the what-ifs. Practicing proven strategies to prevent the spread of germs is the best defense. Safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Our team continues to

engage in preparedness planning, should the need to close schools arise. This includes supporting students with limited access to technology and students in need of food service during a closure.

Our district webpage has been updated with links and documentation for the most current information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and we will continue to update as necessary.

If Madison families or staff members have any questions, they can contact their building administrator. For questions regarding the actual Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), please contact the Oakland County Health Division's Nurse on Call at 800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Madison District Public Schools!

Respectfully,

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