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COVID-19 Updates March 12, 2020

There are many questions surrounding the COVID-19 virus and its impact on North West Hendricks Schools particularly since Avon Schools just announced a two-week closure of all its schools.

This same information will reside and be updated in a dedicated area on our website. We will continue to provide related communications, including answers to several common questions. Please know that we are actively monitoring the situation on a daily, and even hourly, basis and will continue to share information and update content regularly.

What Happens if a Student or Staff Member is Exposed to or Diagnosed with COVID-19?

If we have a direct contact, confirmed case of coronavirus we will follow the direction of Indiana Dept. of Health and Hendricks Co. Health Dept.

Are scheduled events still taking place?

As of now the Hendricks Co. Health Department has placed no restrictions on events, so, unless otherwise notified, they will continue as scheduled at this time. However, individuals are encouraged to act in their own best interest as far as their attendance at scheduled events, especially where crowds of 250 or more are expected.

What About Travel Over Spring Break?

Every person traveling for any reason from a COVID-19 [Level 2 or Level 3 country](#) must self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to the US. As this situation is rapidly evolving, health authorities may also impose domestic and/or regional US travel restrictions prior to spring break. We encourage you to reconsider any unnecessary travel and to rigorously follow CDC guidance. Persons who return from ANY spring break travel with COVID-19 symptoms may be required to self-quarantine.

How are Students Being Encouraged to Wash Hands?

As always, elementary students are specifically guided to wash hands prior to lunch and as needed throughout the day. The middle and high school are encouraging students to wash hands between passing periods and will evaluate if they need to add time to passing periods to facilitate this.

Should NWHSC be compelled to close for any reason, a number of protocols will be put in place:

- 1. Will there be any access into buildings and playgrounds?**
ALL buildings as well as all facilities, including athletic fields and play areas will be closed.
- 2. Will students have access to their lockers, medicines, etc?**

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Accommodations will be made for pickup of student medicines and any emergency student items within 24 hours at times coordinated with a food pickup (see #6.)

3. Since NWHSC is not an E-Learning district will some other form of instruction be available?

Many educational resources are available free of charge and teachers are compiling additional resources for continued learning. All will be posted and available on this site.

4. Will students be required to make up any days missed?

We anticipate there will be make up days required by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). There are already two built in to the NWCHS 2019-2020 calendar.

5. What about sports, activities and before and after school programs?

All activities, sports, extra curriculars, etc. will cease.
Before and after child care will be closed.

6. What about students who depend on school meals?

Five-day food packs will be prepared by food service staff, likely within a 24 hr. window after an announcement of closure. Those food packs will be available during morning and evening hours to be announced at a drive-thru location at Tri-West High School.

How Can I Disinfect my Electronic Devices?

We encourage regular cleaning of cell phones and laptops.

- Ensure the device is turned off and unplug all cables.
- Clean the screen using a small amount of alcohol on a microfiber cloth.
- Do not use disinfecting liquids directly on the screen, including but not limited to Clorox or alcohol wipes.
- Clean the keyboard, including laptop keyboard, using alcohol on a cotton ball.
- Do not use window cleaners, household cleaners, or abrasives to clean technology.
- Learn more on how to clean all Apple products at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204172>

Where Can I Get More Information on COVID-19?

For more information on COVID-19 visit the CDC's site <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus> and the Indiana State Department of Health <https://www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm>.

We are working closely with the Hendricks County Health Department on this issue and will continue to provide updates as we receive more information or if new developments occur.

As stated previously, we have activated enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures in our schools with products recommended by the CDC, and our nursing team is carefully monitoring the health symptoms of students and staff.

Please remember:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Throw used tissues away in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.



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- Stay away from people who are sick or not feeling well and avoid close contact with others through hugging, kissing or shaking hands.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects such as toys and doorknobs.
- Any student with a fever should remain at home until they are “fever free” for 24 hours.
- Seek assistance from a health professional if you see or experience symptoms that cause concern.

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