

Statement 3.11.2020

Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

Many of you have all been following the developing news about coronavirus (COVID-19). The Governor's Office and State Health Department has announced that the state has identified "presumed positive" cases of COVID in Colorado and the Governor's Office has announced enhanced state efforts to prevent further spread of COVID. At this time, we are not aware of any presumed positive cases in our area. However, our safety and health team are working closely with the county, city, and health department and we have updated our emergency plans to include the guidance from the health department. We will continue to update the plan, if necessary, based on any additional guidance we receive from the health department.

The District continues to take this health threat very seriously. The District has a strong plan for responding to outbreaks such as this and we are currently implementing that plan. Our current actions that we are focusing on between now and spring break include:

- **Deep sanitization and cleaning** – the district custodial staff conducted a deep clean in all of our schools on Friday, March 6th. The district custodial staff will continue to do enhanced sanitization in all buildings on an ongoing basis.
- **Educating students and staff on how to prevent the spread of colds and flus** – our teachers will be providing educational materials to all our students in the next week reminding them to wash their hands regularly, cover their mouths if they cough, etc. We'll also be hanging more posters in our schools reminding students to do these things.
- **Suspending all out of state school-related travel for staff and students** – The superintendent has suspended all out of state school-related travel or staff and students until further notice as a precaution. If your child was scheduled for an out-of-state trip your school will be in touch with more information about rescheduling these trips.
- **Sending students and staff who are feeling sick home** – the school nurses will continue to screen students with health concerns at school and may ask parents to pick up sick students. The nurses may also ask students to wear a mask, while they are waiting for their parents to pick them up, if the nurse believes a student may have the flu (including regular flu or COVID).
- **Setting up a page on our website** where parents, staff, and community members can access updates from the district and link to resources from the health department. Parents and community members can access this webpage by clicking on the link toward the top of the district home page.

We are also asking that parents **do not send your child to school if they may be sick**. Keeping your sick child home will be a great benefit for the health and wellness of all students and staff. We are also asking that staff stay home if they are sick. We may be asking a few additional questions for students or staff calling in sick as well to help us understand the presence of the flu in our schools and community. Please read the link on ["How Sick is Too Sick"](#).

The district will share any updates or relevant information with parents and the community as it becomes available. At this time, we are monitoring the situation but are not aware of any known Corona virus (COVID) cases in or our area.

Please visit the Colorado Department of Health and Environment for more information and please reach out to the Superintendent's Office with any questions or concerns.