

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Friends,

I hope you are all enjoying spring break. Please know that although most of you are off from school this week, the school district is closely monitoring COVID-19 and is communicating with various groups to stay best informed.

For the most up to date information please follow [Chippewa County Public Health on Facebook](#), or visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' webpage <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>) and [Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 Information](#).

The Stanley-Boyd Area School District is ready to respond to increased illness in our schools should we experience that. If we have a situation of significantly increased illness, or if there were local cases of COVID-19, we will work closely with Chippewa County Public Health and will follow and adhere to their directions.

We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Wash for 20 seconds, using soap and hot water. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- If children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. Allow them some time to feel better so that they do not risk infecting others.

The Stanley-Boyd Area School District takes routine steps to reduce the spread of illness in our schools. Our school nurse closely monitors and tracks absence rates and analyzes the data across schools for trends. Our facilities staff completes targeted and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of specific spaces in our schools.

Please note, parents and guardians should work closely with the school nurse and office staff about absences due to illness. Student illness details (e.g., fever, cough) help our nursing staff monitor illness trends and implement appropriate prevention steps. When reporting an ill student on the school absence line, please let us know if your child has the flu or symptoms of another illness. There may be some instances when a student's illness triggers an attendance form letter. Please know that while we are also mandated to track attendance closely, that the health of your child (and of others) takes precedence. If you have specific questions about an attendance letter, please talk to your building principal.

As always, the safety of our students, staff, and families remains our top priority. We will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well-being.

Sincerely,

Jeff Koenig
Superintendent