

March 13, 2020

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and Friends,

I understand the anxiety and stress our current situation can cause families and staff. We continue to monitor updates on the COVID-19 virus as well as recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and the Department of Health. Here are a few things to know as we move forward following Spring Break.

If staff or students traveled to a CDC identified Level II, III country OR to a state with known community spread, or have taken a cruise, they should self-isolate for 14 days to monitor for signs and symptoms of illness. Currently, the states identified are California, New York, and Washington however this list may change. For more information please refer to the sources identified below. The staff has already been contacted and instructed not to come to school if they meet these criteria. It is of utmost importance, everyone follows these guidelines.

At this time, we plan to have school next week. We will also allow school-sponsored teams to practice before or after school. Field trips, concerts, conferences, and other off-campus activities will be canceled until further notice. Outside groups or youth teams who use our facilities will not be allowed to use them. It is necessary to cancel these activities to help aid in the cleaning regiment and reduce the number of non-essential public gatherings. Our maintenance staff has thoroughly cleaned and disinfected our entire school. We will continue to disinfect our buildings and buses daily as long as necessary.

Alternative learning plans are being readied in case we are forced to close. This alternative plan includes online resources and printed material. We have not had a chance to review our alternative learning plans with staff as they have been gone for break but will do so as soon as possible. We will share more information relating to alternative learning plans to our students, staff, and families if necessary.

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](#).

As previously stated, 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.

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- 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.

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,

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