

KEYSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Update on Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Staff:

The purpose of this communication is to outline the Keystone School District's current response plan for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it relates to operations and procedures. Please understand this is a fluid situation, which is evolving by the hour. We will continue using the District's website and mass notification systems to keep you updated as the situation evolves. If there is a change to the school calendar, you will be notified immediately. Do not embrace social media rumors, which tend to surge during uncertain times.

As of now, the Keystone School District will remain open, with modified operations, until such time that local health departments and/or the various State agencies advise otherwise. There are no presumptive or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Clarion County at this time. We are actively monitoring current information as it relates to our district and the surrounding communities. We intend to take precautionary measures that are based in valid, reliable data.

Modified operations include the following:

- *All out-of-district field trips and unnecessary travel have been postponed or canceled until further notice.*
- *All non-essential mass social gatherings have been postponed (i.e. school musical, Title I activities, parent meetings).*
- *All non-school related organizations will immediately cease use of school facilities for community activities before and after regular school hours. This will remain in effect until at least March 31, 2020.*
- *All interscholastic athletic competitions (including scrimmages) will be canceled until March 31, 2020. We will work to reschedule athletic events when possible. In-district practices may continue as planned, provided no out-of-district participants are involved.*
- *Immediate moratorium on classroom visitors and volunteers.*
- *The district will continue enhanced cleaning/sanitizing of all district facilities, specifically frequently touched surfaces.*
- *We will be reevaluating any educational student/family trip requests to areas affected by COVID-19. School community members (students and staff) who travel into affected areas will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may be restricted from school facilities.*

We certainly recognize the vast implications associated with COVID-19. It's important that we work together as one school community to prevent further spread of this pandemic through containment and mitigation. In short, if your child is symptomatic, do not send them to school. Please exercise responsible discretion with respect to school attendance.

In closing, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work diligently to address this unprecedented situation. We will continue working to provide accurate, timely information. Our primary goal continues to be preserving the health and safety of our students, staff and the school community.

Sincerely,

Shawn Algoe, Superintendent