



Message to Families:

January 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We were notified this afternoon that a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Contact tracing has led to a number of High School students and staff that are considered close contacts. As a result, we will move to virtual instruction with our (9-12) High School students from Friday, January 15 through Wednesday, January 27. **We will continue with in-person instruction with our 4K-8 students at this time.** If there is a need to change to virtual instruction with all students, we will send additional communication. In-person instruction with our (9-12) students will resume on Thursday, January 28.

Any students or staff members experiencing illnesses with symptoms resembling those of coronavirus should contact their healthcare provider. Public health will contact you if you have been identified as being in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.

The coronavirus is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge you to speak to your child about the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. 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, 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.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, and coughing. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some situations, the virus can develop into pneumonia.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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