

Northview Public Schools recognizes your concerns about the increasing spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and its potential impact on our community. Although there are no confirmed cases in Michigan, we want to assure you that Northview Public Schools is working with the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to follow the guidelines for the prevention, control, and containment of communicable diseases in schools.

Because there is currently no antiviral treatment that attacks this coronavirus, it is important that we rely on prevention:

#### Individual level

- Keep children who exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms at home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Encourage students to keep unwashed hands out of their mouths, eyes, etc.

#### Classroom/school level

- Teachers review hand-washing techniques with students.
- Discourage the sharing of food.
- Provide antibacterial soap and hand sanitizer in classrooms and bathrooms.
- Maintenance and staff clean with antibacterial products on all high-touch surfaces daily.

#### District level

- Increase the frequency of school building cleaning by maintenance staff.
- Monitor absenteeism in the student body by school nurse and office staff, especially in cases where students exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms.
- Encourage staff to refrain from coming to work if they have cold and flu-like symptoms.
- Review planned out-of-district trips overseas or within the United States (if there are reported outbreaks at the U.S. destination) to consider postponement/cancellation.

The Michigan Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, and many other organizations are working closely to provide information for students, parents, and staff. To learn more about these recommendations, please click [here](#).

We will continue to follow these recommendations and keep you informed as new information becomes available. Thank you again for your continuing support of Northview Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent