



# Au Gres-Sims School District

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Dear Parents and Staff,

On Friday, February 28, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced that she has activated the State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Schools across the state of Michigan are part of that coordinated effort and have been asked to work with their county health departments should specific actions need to take place.

Although there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, Au Gres-Sims School District, along with the Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District and partnering local districts, are in close communication with our health departments and will continue to follow their guidance and recommendations. At this time, no action has been recommended other than to encourage the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) preventative measures:

- Frequently washing your hands with soap and water.
- Covering your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when you sneeze or cough.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend the use of facemasks for the general public.*

Please note that we will continue to follow the cleaning procedures in our buildings to limit the spread of germs.

We have open lines of communication with our public health officials. We will alert students, staff, and parents if we receive direction related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus. Any potential school closing due to illness will be guided by public health officials. While education is critically important, the health and wellbeing of our students and staff are far more significant.

For updated information and additional resources, please visit: [www.ags-schools.org](http://www.ags-schools.org)

Yours in Education,

Jeffrey Collier  
Superintendent