



# Granby Public Schools

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Dear Parents, Students, Families and staff,

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We are writing to provide you with an update regarding our continued proactive planning in response to COVID 19.

Yesterday, Governor Baker declared a state of emergency in Massachusetts and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Riley released a guidance document to school districts. You can view Governor Baker's declaration of emergency using the following link which is also on our website. [Declaration of State of Emergency](#) In light of the increase in information being made available, we have created a new folder in the digital backpack for information regarding COVID 19. You can reach this information by using the following link [COVID 19 Resources](#). At this time, we are receiving updates throughout the day from the Governor's office, in concert with the Department of Public Health and DESE. We expect to receive continued updates that will shape our response to COVID 19.

We are currently following the most recent recommendations:

- Out of state travel is cancelled until further notice
- We recommend that older community members and those at increased risk of illness to avoid large school gatherings
- Should there be any school closings prior to March 16<sup>th</sup>, these days will be made up in full
- Should there be any school closings after March 16<sup>th</sup>, days will be made up only to 185 days
- Districts will not be expected to make up any days lost to health, weather or safety after June 1

Given the fluid nature of the COVID 19 response and the many variables associated with families' needs to respond to unique household situations, the district will currently suspend the practice of sending home attendance letters.

In order to gauge our readiness to potentially offer instruction in the online environment, surveys are being conducted with staff, students, and parents/guardians. Please make every effort to respond to the surveys, as your answers will provide us with necessary information to plan for next steps in our COVID

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19 response. You should receive a link to the survey in an all call and email going out to families this afternoon.

Last evening, the School Committee approved the Pandemic Response Plan which has been posted to our website. You can reach this information using the following link [GPS Pandemic Disease Response Plan](#). The leadership team will be meeting daily at 8:00 am to assess the current state of information available to us and update our response.

We appreciate your attention to this important information. As always, if you have any concerns about your child, your child's safety, or your child's learning environment, please do not hesitate to reach out the building principal.

As always, please review with your student/s how to stay healthy and safe, including proper hand washing, covering of coughs and sneezes, and not touching your face with your hands.

Sincerely,

Sheryl L. Stanton  
Superintendent

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