

Parents,

On behalf of the school board, administration, teachers and staff, I would like to thank you for trusting Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools with your students' education, development and safety. We take these responsibilities very seriously and we are continually working to improve in these areas. As you are aware, the Coronavirus Pandemic has made its way to the United States. The administration is completely aware of the situation and State authorities are consistently pushing information down to our schools on how to handle this pandemic. In addition to our normal cleaning procedures, Pioneer Pleasant Vale has initiated several actions to help keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

Each school has discussed the importance of hand washing several times a day. It has also been discussed to cover ones mouth when he/she sneezes or coughs. We provide hand sanitizer stations throughout our school buildings and encourage students to use them in conjunction with hand washing. Our custodians take pride in keeping our schools clean for our student and teachers. They use antiviral/antibacterial cleaning agents on a daily basis to help prevent the spread of germs. Door knobs, desks, hand rails and any other surfaces that students touch are a priority when cleaning the buildings.

There is much uncertainty concerning the Coronavirus and if it will interrupt the remainder of the school year and any extra-curricular activities that are planned for this spring. Our school is in daily contact with the state regarding this issue. They will provide the school with the necessary information or directives as how to handle any cancellations or delays in the future. If any decision is made to alter the schedule or delay/cancel activities, we will use this system and our school website to keep you up to date.

Until that time, we encourage our students and staff to please stay aware and continue good hygiene habits. We are hopeful that this will pass very soon and that it will not interrupt our school year. We will be sure to advise you as soon as any decisions are made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brent Koontz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a stylized 'K'.

Brent Koontz
Superintendent
Pioneer Pleasant Vale Schools

Pioneer Pleasant Vale Coronavirus Information

Key components of the Pioneer Pleasant Vale's Public Schools' Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies and Communicable Disease Protocol Policy are as follows:

- PPV district administration will work closely with local and state health officials.
- The district will post information on the district's website

WE ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING UNDER THE CDC's RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT HAVE IDENTIFIED CASES IN THE COMMUNITY - [CDC Guidelines for Schools](#) and [OK State Department of Health - COVID-19 K-12 Schools Guidance](#)

- Teaching and promoting strategies to reduce the spread of a wide variety of infectious diseases
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Coughs and sneezes into a tissue or into your elbow.
 - Avoid close contact with anyone who is ill.
 - Use hand sanitizers when hand-washing is not possible.
 - Avoid travel to impacted areas.
 - Avoid large crowds.
 - Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.
 - If you or your child feel sick, stay home unless medical attention is required.
 - Get the influenza vaccine if you have not already done so this year.
- Taking extra efforts to clean frequently touched surfaces at schools
- Monitoring staff and student absenteeism.

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELERS

We know many families have plans to travel during Spring Break. The Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education have issued travel guidelines.

Any person returning from travel to China, Italy, Japan, Iran, South Korea, or any other country identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a Level 2 or 3 travel risk should self-quarantine for a period of 14 days before returning to school.

Recommendations from the OSDE for returning travelers from Level 2 or 3 countries:

- Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.
- Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school for this 14-day period. Discuss your work situation with your district before returning to work or school.
- Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares during the time you are practicing social distancing.

- Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.
- Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet).

SCHOOL CLOSURES

School Closures have NOT been initiated at this time.

RESPONSE

In the event anyone within the school is discovered or suspected to have a communicable disease that may result in an epidemic/pandemic, that person shall be immediately quarantined pending further medical examination. Local and state health officials shall be notified immediately.

- Any person with the knowledge of suspected or confirmed cases of communicable disease has the responsibility to report this information to the appropriate school personnel. Reporting of communicable or infectious disease will be made to the following personnel in the order below.

1. Site principal
2. Superintendent

- Administrators would work closely with local health officials to determine a course of action for their childcare programs or schools.
- Determine if, when, and for how long activities may need to be cancelled, including the following possible actions:
- Cancel/postpone extracurricular group activities and large events.
- Discourage students and staff from gathering or socializing to prevent the spread of germs.
- Any information regarding a student's or staff member's communicable condition will be treated as confidential information.
- In the event of prolonged school closings and/or extended absences, plans for alternate means of educating students may be implemented. Such a plan may include: providing students with assignments via e-mail, mail, or the school district's website, etc.
