



Winlock School District

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Good Evening,

We wish to share some information regarding the COVID-19 or coronavirus. As of this writing, there are no confirmed cases in Lewis County that we are aware of, or that the county health department has shared with us. We want to assure you that Winlock School District is continuing to closely monitor the situation. The district is also communicating with state and local health officials, as well as the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and will continue to follow their professional guidance. They are the experts in the field and on the status of this virus. At this point in time, guidance from the state is to keep our schools open and our scheduled activities as planned. We are not anticipating cancelling any activities unless directed by local and state medical professionals.

A reminder below on some important practices for all students and adults to minimize the odds of contacting this virus:

- Do not bring your student to school if they do not feel well or they exhibit these symptoms: elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath. Keep your student home.
- Wash your hands multiple times a day with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If this is not available to you, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue, your sleeve or your elbow instead of your hands.
- Avoid rubbing your eyes, touching your face, or putting your fingers in your mouth.
- Keep social distance, meaning be aware of personal spaces when in contact with others. A distance of 3-6 feet is safer than right up close.
- Avoid sharing food or drink containers, including water bottles.

Winlock School District takes this virus seriously and will continue to closely monitor the situation via our medical professionals in Lewis County, and in our state. If you have any questions about this virus, please contact the Lewis County Health Department, the State Department of Health, or the Center for Disease Control.

As we learn new information, we will provide you with updates. We are working on contingency plans just in case we are ordered by medical professionals or the Governor to close schools. We will share those with you once we have them completed.

Please take care of yourself and your families, follow the guidelines of medical professionals, and keep informed.

The number one priority at Winlock School District is safety, and the health of students, staff and families. To ensure clear communication please check that your child has an updated phone number, address, and email address on file with their school. Things have changed quickly, and we want to keep you informed of any changes that may occur.

Sincerely,

Garry Cameron