

Good afternoon Morton parents, students, and community members,

There are many questions about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact our schools. We are vigilant and have been proactive. On Saturday, we had Germblast, a professional disinfecting company who use a high-level disinfection process, treat all areas at all campuses. We have been following the recommendations of the CDC and are focused on prevention. We will continue to disinfect the school areas and buses and keep sanitizer and Kleenex available, and soap dispensers filled. We are in collaboration with Cochran Memorial Hospital and are keeping up with the latest on the COVID-19 virus.

As of today, the district plans to resume classes on Monday, March 23rd. We will closely monitor the situation, and should it become necessary to cancel school in the future, we will notify families via text, the Morton app, email, website, local media stations, and social media accounts.

If you feel you or your family may have been exposed while traveling during Spring Break, please contact your doctor or the Cochran Memorial Hospital by telephone. Cochran Memorial Hospital staff will determine a location to conduct a screening outside the hospital. Please see their Facebook page for detailed information on screenings.

Families should follow standard procedures for illness upon returning from spring break (and any time your child has been sick).

- Fever: Students must be free of fever for 24 hours without Tylenol or Advil.
- Vomiting or Diarrhea: If your child is vomiting or had diarrhea, they should not return to school until those issues have been resolved for 24 hours.
- Students on Antibiotics: Students who receive antibiotics for an illness should wait 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics and after the last instance of vomiting or diarrhea before returning to school.

For more information on the COVID-19 virus, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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