

USD #239 NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY

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Parents and Students of USD 239,

As a school district, we are working with local officials to ensure the safety of students, staff, employees and patrons. This is a fluid situation and things are bound to change daily. We will do our best to keep you posted as those changes affect what we do as a school district. There is a chance that Kansas Schools will close next week as well. I share this with you so you can prepare. The School District will do everything that we can to help. This is an unprecedented event for all and together we will get through this.

Starting Tuesday, March 17, we will have three locations that we will be serving a grab and go lunch and providing a breakfast for you to take with you for the following day. In Delphos, we will meet at the town square located at East 2nd and North Main Street. In Ada, we will meet at the community center at the corner of Main and Gilbert. In Minneapolis, we will meet at the Minneapolis Grade School parking lot on the east side of the building. Each location will be from 11:00-12:00 and pick up will be curbside. There will be no cost for this and this is for anyone from age one to age 18. We will do this for the rest of this week and if need be, we will also serve the following week.

One thing to keep in mind is the concept of "flattening the curve", meaning social distancing, quality hygiene, recognition/reporting of symptoms, and communicating as per the guidance given. The big thing is not to panic, rather to follow advice provided by the health professionals.

Please text **Nurse Tammy at 785-392-4120** the name of your student if over Spring Break they were out of the USA or State of Kansas or in a County with a known positive case of COVID-19; Johnson, Franklin, Wyandotte, or Butler.

Please remind your student that social distancing is so important; 6 feet apart and to stay home. If weather permits, encourage time outside in the fresh air. Everyone should practice; good hand washing for 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer, cough and sneeze into your sleeve or tissue, hands away from chin up, clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces and social distancing. If you exhibit signs of COVID-19; cough, fever of 100 degrees plus, shortness of breath and chest pain-Call your Primary Care Physician or the Ottawa County Health Department for further advice.

During this week that we are out of school it gives time to prepare for the return of students and to initiate a time for parents to monitor the family for COVID-19. If a student or staff fits the criteria of having traveled to a high-risk area; please monitor temperatures morning and night and stay alert for symptoms. It is possible to have COVID-19 with minimal symptoms and pass it on to the most vulnerable; the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

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Please remember that Nurse Tammy is available to answer your questions. Please use her cell number.

Sincerely,

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INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY ABOUT COVID-19 CAN BE FOUND AT: KDHE site:

<http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavims/index.htm>

CDC site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>