



Granby Public Schools

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Dear Parents, Students, Families and Staff,

We are writing to inform you of our current efforts regarding proactive planning in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and to provide you with information to reduce the risk of infection in our schools and community.

At this time, our area remains at "low risk" for infection and there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Granby. We are continuing to follow the guidance of the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health (DPH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in order to reduce the risk of infection in our schools and community. This guidance may change frequently as the situation evolves, so it is important to be flexible and understanding.

Much of the guidance in response to COVID-19 is similar to cold and flu prevention. You can help keep yourself and your family safe by following these guidelines:

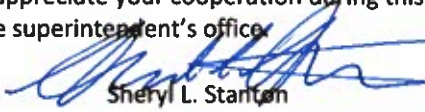
1. If an individual presents with a fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing, please see a healthcare provider for further evaluation. If coronavirus testing is performed and the individual tests positive, they are to remain home until they are no longer infectious per their healthcare provider and the Department of Public Health. We ask that you call the school and speak with nursing staff if you and someone in your family tests positive with coronavirus so we can provide support and assistance as indicated.
2. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your elbow & avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with hands.
4. Disinfect surfaces frequently with the EPA approved products to kill the coronavirus. Here is the link for the list of approved products: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf.

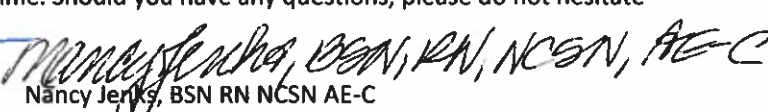
Our custodial staff are engaged in regular cleaning and disinfecting of hard surfaces, frequently touched surfaces, bathrooms, and our health suites. We are also reviewing proper hand washing techniques with students.

On Thursday, March 5th, the School Department Leadership Team met with representatives from the Board of Health, Police and Fire Departments and our school physician to update our Emergency Operations Plan to include a section on pandemic response. This draft plan will be presented to School Committee on Tuesday, March 10th. The meeting will be held in the East Meadow Media Center at 6:30.

For more information, please see the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html/>.

We appreciate your cooperation during this time. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the superintendent's office.


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Every Student Every Classroom Every Day

Vision In the Granby Public Schools, we focus on the whole child, to develop a community that empowers every student to become civically engaged, service-minded, responsible, intellectually curious and prepared individuals engaged in our culturally diverse and global community. We encourage respectful and constructive exchange of feedback within and outside our schools as a pathway to continuous improvement, leading to fearless learning.

Mission We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

The Granby Public Schools strives to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment in which all students can thrive and succeed in its schools. The Granby Public Schools prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study.