

# GRAND VALLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 6, 2020 Special Meeting Board Summary

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## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

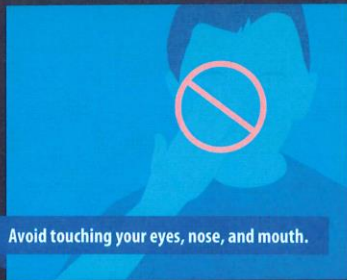
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



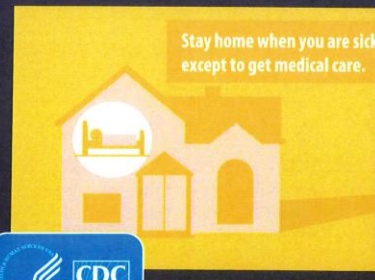
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



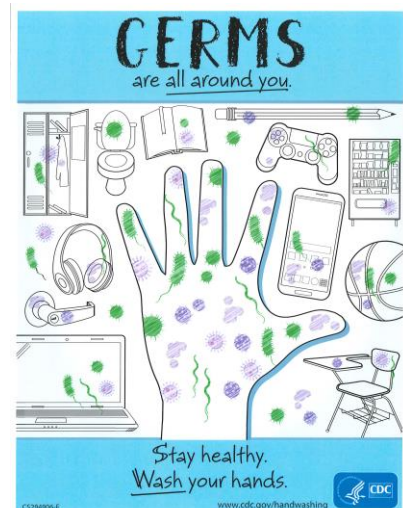
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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Ohio Stay at Home Order extended until 11:59 p.m. through May 1. The full Stay at Home order can be found on [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov)



**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING** - Monday, April 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – GoToMeeting (online) for the purpose of work session to prepare for the format of future online Board meetings.

**ROLL CALL:** Richard Jackson, Tim Keeney, Dr. Amanda Dolan, Mike Pucel, Bill Thomas

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND SUSPENDING BOARD POLICY RELATED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS:**

Motion by Mr. Pucel and seconded by Mr. Keeney declaring an emergency and suspending Board policy related to public participation at Board meetings.

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-COV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person between individuals who are in close contact with each other (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may also be possible to contract COVID-19 through the touching of a surface that has the virus on it, then touching one's own mouth, nose or eyes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has declared a state of emergency with respect to the spread of the novel coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Health has ordered that all K-12 schools be closed to students through 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2020, and it is expected that this order may be extended beyond that date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Health has further ordered that mass gatherings, defined as any event or convening that brings fifty or more persons in a single room or space at the same time, are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, meeting halls, conference rooms, and any other confined indoor or outdoor space; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control each recommend limiting gatherings to no more than 10 persons in a single space; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to permit the fair and orderly expression of public comment at its meetings, the Board of Education has adopted a public participation policy; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board intends to continue to conduct the business of the School District and to keep the community informed of its discussions and decisions related to the official business of the School District, the Board must also act to protect the health and safety of its members, staff, students and other community members who may enter on to school premises.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education, that after careful consideration and evaluation of the information before it:

**Section 1.** The Board of Education hereby finds that an emergency exists with regard to the spread of a serious communicable disease, COVID-19.

**Section 2.** In order to prevent against the further spread of the novel coronavirus, the Board of Education hereby temporarily suspends its public participation policy, which shall no longer be in effect upon adoption of this Resolution by a majority of the Board of Education. Such policy may be reinstated through a subsequent action taken by the Board of Education.

**Section 3.** In order to enable the Board of Education to continue with District operations during the public health emergency, the Board of Education may meet telephonically or through other electronic means, including conference calls or other meeting technology to conduct the public business of the public body while emergency orders of the federal and/or state government are in effect limiting public gatherings. Such meetings will be properly noticed to the public through the established and usual method of notice to the public.

**Section 4.** In order to provide an opportunity for attendance by the public, news media, and any other person that has requested notification of meetings via the technology utilized will be made available to the extent reasonably possible and feasible. The means of technology and information on how to access the meeting as a member of the public will be made available. The Board of Education intends to fully honor its obligations under the Open Meetings Act.

**Section 5.** The Board of Education hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22, ORC.

**Section 6.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Keeney aye, Dr. Dolan aye, Mr. Pucel aye, Mr. Thomas aye, Mr. Jackson aye

MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT: Time: 6:18 p.m.**

Motion by Mr. Pucel and seconded by Mr. Keeney to adjourn the April 6, 2020 special Board of Education meeting.

ROLL CALL: Dr. Dolan aye, Mr. Pucel aye, Mr. Thomas aye, Mr. Jackson aye, Mr. Keeney aye

MOTION CARRIED

Next regular meeting date: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: GoToMeeting