



LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 41-4

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To: Lennox School District Families

From: Chad Conaway, Superintendent

Re: COVID-19, Coronavirus

Greetings Lennox School District Families,

Please review all information below:

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this trying time. It is important that we do not panic, but instead, apply the appropriate amount of action based on factual guidance from our health leaders. For many of us, this is uncharted territory and information that is submitted in this letter today, may change by the hour. Please continue to be flexible and know that we are continually evaluating information to take appropriate actions.

When students are ill:

- Students that feel sick with a fever of 100 degrees or higher (this includes chills and night sweats), cough or shortness of breath should stay home and contact their doctor for guidance. If your child is diagnosed with seasonal flu or a common cold, they can return to school if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Ibuprofen. A normal temperature is below 99 degrees.
- If your child becomes ill at school, the teacher will send them to the office to have their temperature taken. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher and they have a cough, they will be placed in a mask and will wait in a separate area from other students and staff. Parents will be called for immediate pickup. It's recommended that you go home and call your doctor to notify them of your child's symptoms and for ask for guidance.

If a student, staff member, or family member tests positive:

We have been advised that if a student tests positive for the virus, we will be contacted by the Department of Health. **PLEASE** contact the school immediately if a family member of a student or staff member that lives with the student, or staff member has been tested for the virus.

If a family member is tested and quarantined, the student or staff member must stay home until the district receives confirmation of a double negative test result. If a family member that lives with the student or staff member has a positive test result, the student or staff member must stay home from school for a minimum of 14 calendar days, as directed by the Department of Health. If this happens, we will work with the family to provide educational materials to the student.

We respect our parent's right to keep their children home during unknown circumstances. We will convey test results as soon as we know them. Special attention and consideration to potential exposure should be given for those identified as our most susceptible populations.

Current actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- We have ramped up our sanitation efforts in all district owned property, including transportation.
- We are practicing social distancing measures and have suspended all non-essential activities. This includes limiting access to buildings to just students, staff, and other essential personnel necessary for ongoing operations. Before or after the school day, parents need to wait outside. We will receive your students at the door or deliver them to you outside. Visit with your building secretaries if you have any questions.

Start planning now for potential closure:

It is our goal to preserve the longevity of our most essential function, educating our children face-to-face in the classroom. However, you need to be prepared for the potential of a short or long-term school closure. I'll reiterate that things seem to change by the hour...so be prepared.

- Start making plans for extended day care should schools need to close:
<https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/>

Factual information for review:

It's important to rely on factual information and not get caught up in rumors during this pandemic. Stay calm and act on factual information from health experts.

- Visit the CDC website and keep yourself informed with the latest information:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Just a reminder to continue with the preventative actions below:

- Frequent and thorough hand washing for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- **Stay home when you are sick.**

I will continue to provide information as things evolve. Plan, stay calm, and stay informed with factual information.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone healthy!



Chad Conaway, Superintendent
Lennox School District