

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

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Dear District 202 Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, concern about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to grow. *****Currently, we are not aware of any confirmed Coronavirus cases in our area or school district*****

Plainfield School District 202 will follow the direction from the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Will County Health Department (WCHD). The district is in direct communication, weekly, with WCHD. This is an evolving situation; therefore, we will continue adjust and adapt as new information is coming in. **Our main goal is to ensure the health and well-being of our students and staff and keep our children in school so they can continue learning.**

How are We Preparing?

- The district is reviewing and updating emergency operations plans (EOPs). This is being done in collaboration with local health departments and other relevant partners.
- The district has established a committee of staff, administration, and local officials who are working together to review and update our response plans.

Here are a few very important points for your information:

What is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Symptoms typically appear between 2 and 14 days. Most people start showing symptoms about five days after becoming infected. Children typically show mild symptoms. Patients with Coronavirus (COVID-19) have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

How does it Spread?

Per the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) the virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Who is Impacted the Most?

- Individuals at highest risk include people aged **over 60 years** and those with underlying conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer.
- Disease in children appears to be relatively rare and mild

Prevention

Please remind your student about the need for basic hygiene, most especially covering their mouths when coughing or sneezing. People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available

Cleaning

- In response to Coronavirus (COVID-19), district custodial staff are using a special, stronger disinfectant specifically on all touchpoints.
- District 202 custodial staff clean and disinfect all desktops, tables, doorknobs, handrails, restrooms every night.

Travel

The following countries currently have travel restrictions due to COVID 19: China, Iran, Northern Italy, and South Korea. The district will continue to monitor the list of countries as they are updated. The district does not have any school sponsored trips scheduled out of the country this school year. Here is a link to a website that you can check to see if any countries have been added: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

- Currently, CDC is recommending that people returning from these areas should not attend school for 14 days after the return date.
- If a student, staff member, or volunteer presents at school with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing after visiting an affected region, school authorities will immediately notify the local health department.

Monitor and Plan for Absenteeism

- Nursing staff are informed about the symptoms of Coronavirus.
- Students and staff who become sick at school or arrive at school sick are sent home as soon as possible.
- Schools will continue to utilize attendance monitoring procedures.

Communication Plan

The district will share information about Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it becomes available through the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Will County Health Department (WCHD).

- Emergency communication, if needed, will be through the Connect ED system via text, email, and phone call if needed.
- The district website has been updated to include verified and reliable information and resources about Coronavirus (COVID-19). This website will be updated regularly. <http://www.psd202.org/announcements/5099>

Potential School Closing

Plainfield School District 202 will follow the direction from the CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and Will County Health Department (WCHD). To date, none of the organizations are recommending school closures or cancelling activities.

This is an evolving situation. We will follow the appropriate health organization guidance and communicate as indicated above if any of the health organizations recommend school closures, canceling activities, or dismissing early.

Thank you, as always for everything you do to support your children's learning, achievement and personal growth in District 202. We will continue to keep you informed as this situation develops.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lane Abrell
Superintendent of Schools