Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

This communication is a follow up communication to previous communications regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19.

The District staff continues to take proactive and preventative measures to develop and continually promote a healthy learning environment. Many of these measures have been in place since December to combat flu viruses and now those measures have intensified with the Coronavirus.

We appreciate that your family continues to complement our efforts by being extremely diligent about not sending your child(ren) to school if they are not well and letting us know if your child(ren) has/have flu-like symptoms. If your child(ren) has/have flu-like symptoms, seek medical attention and provide your child(ren)’s school with a medical provider’s return to school authorization. Please respect, we will send your child(ren) home if they exhibit any flu-like symptoms.

There are no known cases in which a student or staff member has tested positive for the Coronavirus or has had contact with someone that has tested positive. However, please know that this can change quickly.

If anyone in your family contracts the Coronavirus or is in contact with someone who has the virus, please immediately inform your child(ren)’s school(s) so we can take swift appropriate measures. The District will formally notify all families promptly if a student or staff member contracts the virus, without disclosing the identity of the individual(s), out of respect to the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA).

In the event the virus does infect someone in our community, we will thoroughly assess the situation with appropriate authorities to determine if school needs to be closed. If school is closed, we will implement our E-Learning program. This will allow us to still utilize the day as a school day for teaching and learning. If it is determined to keep school open, as a parent or guardian, we ask you to make what you believe is the best decision for your child(ren). If you elect not to send your child(ren) to school, please know all missed schoolwork will be available to your child(ren) for make-up.
For those of you that travel or are planning to travel in the near future (i.e., Spring Break), it is recommended that you carefully review the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel information:

**CDC Coronavirus/COVID-19 Travel Information**

If you or a family member do travel to highly contagious area, please be extremely responsible in ensuring your family is virus-free before any member of your family re-enters any facility of Cass School District 63.

Here are several additional resources on the Coronavirus/COVID-19:

- [DuPage Health Department Coronavirus/COVID-19](#)
- [Illinois Department of Health Coronavirus/COVID-19](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus/COVID-19](#)

We will continue to closely monitor recommendations regarding the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and will continue to update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping to keep our school community healthy.

Sincerely,

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