



Dear Families,

As we return from spring break, the health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority. We will always do what is in the best interest and safety of our students, staff and families. We will continue to work with state and public health officials, monitoring the developments regarding the COVID-19 virus. Although this situation has been declared a national emergency, local health officials are not recommending school closures but are providing guidance to prevent the spread of the disease. The Arizona Department of Education has issued a “Pandemic Preparedness” guide for schools, Maricopa County Public Health and Arizona Department of Health have both issued COVID-19 response guidance for schools.

Considering this is a declared national emergency, we are officially extending spring break through Monday March 16 and Tuesday March 17 in order to allow staff and leadership to review and implement our Pandemic Preparedness procedures. Although we have no reported cases of COVID-19, this will allow us to ensure all steps are in place to mitigate the spread of the disease once school resumes on Wednesday March 18. We feel by ensuring our schools and buses are thoroughly cleaned, schedules are organized to minimize large groups of students, staff are prepared, and systems are established in order to provide distance learning will temper fears of both staff, students and families. If this changes or should be extended further, you will be notified immediately.

We ask that families continue to follow basic guidelines to prevent the spread of the flu or COVID-19:

1. If you or your child has a fever, **DO NOT** come to school. This is always our policy, but particularly important to follow those guidelines during flu season and our current situation.
2. School will be monitoring for those who are sick, students will be isolated per ADHS guidelines and will have to return home.
3. Encourage your children to wash their hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and warm water. If soap and water are not available, then they should use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
4. If you have traveled to China or another area that has been affected by the COVID-19 and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing then you should seek medical treatment immediately, limit your interactions with others and follow CDC (Center for Disease Control) guidelines regarding self-quarantine.
5. If your child has a weakened immune system due to an underlying condition, please contact the school regarding distance learning options.

As of 3/13/2020, there has not been widespread transmission of COVID-19 (aka Corona Virus) in Maricopa County. There are currently 3 reported positive and 6 presumed positive cases.

Should I be tested for COVID-19?

- If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, you should **call ahead** to a healthcare provider and mention your recent travel. Public health will work with your healthcare provider to get you tested if recommended.
- Individuals who are being monitored by public health will be given specific recommendations to seek care for testing for COVID-19, if needed.

How can I protect myself?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- These are everyday habits that can help prevent the spread of several viruses.

What if I recently traveled to an area identified as a high risk area by the CDC and got sick?

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>
- If you were in any country identified with widespread ongoing transmission and feel sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing within 14 days, **contact a healthcare provider.**
- **Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead** and tell them about your recent travel and symptoms.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a mask **BEFORE** you enter the healthcare facility for medical evaluation.
- Avoid contact with others while sick.
- Do not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to avoid spreading the virus to others. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

We will continue to monitor this situation closely and will send a confirmation notification regarding school returning in session on Wednesday March 18.

Sincerely,



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