



SAINT CLAIR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learn and Grow as a Community

March 3, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You are likely aware of the global outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). While the World Health Organization has not yet declared Coronavirus a pandemic, Saint Clair Area School District encourages families and staff to remain cautious and aware of the status of this virus. Our top priorities are the health and safety of students and staff. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At the present time, there is no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a Coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Wash hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, remote controls, and other frequently touched items.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- If your children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. Students should return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours, so they do not risk infecting others.
- Get enough sleep and eat a well-balanced diet to promote a healthy immune system.
- As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's health, it is recommended to consult with your child's primary care physician.

Additional resources can be found at:

- Pennsylvania Department of Health: <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>
- World Health Organization Mythbusters: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

Please contact me with any questions at 570-429-2716, option 2.

Sincerely,

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