

GFW Business Office



GFW Schools Following Coronavirus Update

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Dear Parents, Students and Staff:

Nationally there has been a growing concern about the Coronavirus (COVID-19 virus). The situation is rapidly evolving and the information or recommendations are changing daily as new information becomes available. Please refer to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the latest updates.

We will continue to monitor the latest developments through the MDH and CDC for further guidance. Current guidance notes:

- There are no recommendations at this time to close schools or postpone programs.
- The Minnesota Department of Education and Minnesota Department of Health will continue to host calls to provide updates to school districts.

Preventive Measures:

While a new type of illness can be scary, we can protect our students, staff and the larger community by using simple everyday actions that protect people from other types of respiratory or flu-like illness. These protective actions include:

- Thoroughly wash your hands on a regular basis.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Keep kids home for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or sign of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).
- Clean surfaces frequently.

If students become ill at school, parents will be called and expected to pick up their child without delay. This is important to prevent and contain the spread of illness. Anyone with specific questions or concerns is asked to contact GFW Schools Licensed School Nurse Lucinda Winch at lucinda.winch@gfwschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support to assure our students' health and well-being.

Lonnie Seifert
GFW Schools Superintendent

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