

March 10, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This message is an update to our March 3, 2020 correspondence regarding the coronavirus outbreak. As you know, the virus has entered the United States and Ohio reported yesterday the state's first three positive cases are located in Cuyahoga County. At this time, 12 northeast Ohio residents are in self-quarantine, according to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

The Mayfield City School District is monitoring the situation closely and is taking direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ohio Department of Health and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

MAYFIELD CITY SCHOOLS:

DOES NOT have any confirmed coronavirus cases.

CONTINUES to monitor upcoming Mayfield District events/travel. Be aware that cancellations may occur at any time as updates are provided by health agencies.

IS PREPARED to close schools and provide remote online learning through Schoology, Lexia, and other district-established learning management systems already in place.

We are requesting parents/guardians report ALL student illness to their building's attendance office if their child has a confirmed case of a respiratory illness such as the flu, RSV, whooping cough, or any situation that may have resulted in exposure to the virus. Some students may be required to stay home for an excused period of time. Under these circumstances, students will not be marked truant. We continue to monitor student and staff attendance daily/weekly.

If we were to experience a COVID-19 case, we will take our direction from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Cuyahoga Board of Health, regarding potential school closings. Should this occur in the Mayfield City Schools, we are prepared to close schools and provide remote online learning through Schoology, Lexia, and other district-established learning management systems already in place. The length of any school closure will dictate the specific approach we take.

The Ohio Department of Health has opened a Coronavirus Hotline which can be reached by calling 1-833-4-ASKODH (1-833-427-5634)

We continue to remind you and repeat our previous requests: We are asking parents/guardians to help in the effort to minimize the spread of this and other viruses by following the recommendations from the CDC, which are the same recommendations that everyone should practice during flu season:

- Wash hands frequently for a duration of at least 20 seconds
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or by using your sleeve or elbow

- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when sick and don't return to school for at least 24 hours of being fever-free without the use of medication

Mayfield City Schools is following all recommendations from the CDC to daily clean classrooms, bathrooms, cafeterias, equipment and other surfaces frequently touched by students and staff with antiviral solutions. We have added extra hand sanitation dispensers in our cafeterias and open spaces throughout our buildings, not as a substitute for hand washing, but as a second level of defense. Currently, the CDC is NOT recommending the use of facemasks by people who are well. Facemask use is only being recommended for a person who is sick or who suspects that he or she is infected with the coronavirus.

You can find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 at the following sites:

CDC: [2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Situation Summary](#)

Ohio Dept. of Health: [COVID-19](#)

Cuyahoga County Board of Health: [CCBH](#)

Talking to Kids about the Coronavirus:

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

As always, the health and safety of our students, staff and community is our top priority and concern. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Dr. Keith Kelly

Superintendent, Mayfield City Schools