

March 11, 2020

Dear Wareham School Community,

Wareham Public Schools continue to be proactive in keeping students, staff, and family members updated with the most accurate information about the coronavirus. The health and safety of all is considered our highest priority.

As this is a very rapidly changing situation, I would like to share with you the following information:

- Information will be posted both on our school website and our Facebook page and updated regularly.
- Our cleaning efforts have increased as particular attention is being given to door handles, railings, and areas where contact occurs.
- Unfortunately, we have had to begin cancelling or postponing school events. Canceled/Postponed events are listed at the end of this letter.
- We are and will be in regular contact with our local Board of Health and will follow guidelines put forth.
- Should our schools be ordered to close, plans will be shared and will include how to access student work, breakfast and lunch pick up, and other related information, and will be shared on our website and district Facebook page.

Our school nurses have shared the following information:

Symptoms of this infection include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Frequent handwashing is the single most important protection to prevent the spread of this virus. Covering your coughs and sneezes and staying home if you feel ill are also recommended. The virus is spread through respiratory secretions and those with pre-existing medical conditions are at higher risk of contracting the virus. We strongly urge everyone to use precautions if they are in contact with anyone that has traveled out of the country and is exhibiting any symptoms of the virus.

As a district we are continuing our present cleaning procedures with extra care given to hard surfaces (tables, chairs, door knobs) in heavily used area of the buildings. We continue to receive notifications from the CDC and you can obtain information at <http://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus>

Sincerely,

Dr. Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood

**Canceled or postponed events as of March 11, 2020**

Literacy Night-Districtwide  
International Night – Districtwide  
April student trip to Paris/Benelux-Districtwide  
DECA Nationals – High School  
Credit for Life – High School