



Nauset Public Schools

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Dear Nauset Community,

With recent media coverage on the rise, we understand that you may have questions about the Coronavirus (now known as COVID-19) and how it may impact our schools. The health and safety of our students and staff is our main concern. For any public health matter, we take our guidance from both state and federal agencies, in particular the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). While the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains low in the state of Massachusetts, the Nauset School District is addressing this issue with caution, diligence and utmost concern for its students and families.

As you know, information about COVID-19 is rapidly changing and developing. District administrators are remaining consistent with all recommendations from the DPH and CDC. Most recently, this afternoon, the CDC changed its recommendations for people who have traveled to areas with widespread and ongoing transmission of COVID-19. These countries include China, Iran, Italy and South Korea. In accordance with this new advisory, any staff and students who have traveled to these countries within the past 14 days are now required to remain home until the 14-day period is up. Please see the link below for details regarding this new advisory.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

Administrators from all schools met today to discuss emerging information on COVID-19 including recent advisories. The following is an outline of ongoing actions by our District to address these issues:

- Staying up-to-date and informed of all new information regarding COVID-19 from local health agencies including CDC and DPH
- Monitoring illness in the school setting
- Maintaining communication with local health officials
- Establishing infection control measures
- Recommending cleaning practices that help mitigate risks

- Educating students and staff in disease prevention including cough etiquette, good hand-washing and staying home when you are sick
- Continuing active surveillance to identify influenza cases

What you can do as a parent:

- Continue to talk to your child about COVID-19 and address their concerns
- Please notify your Primary Care Provider and school nurse if you have recently traveled to the previously listed countries.
- Call your PCP if you or your child has had a high fever > 100.4 , respiratory illness, and/or cough and has recently traveled to the previously named countries
- Please keep children home if they are ill.
- Abide by Nauset District Illness Policy
- Practice good hand and cough hygiene

Please see the following links as helpful guidelines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts.html>

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

We will continue to work collaboratively with local and state health departments to provide a safe learning environment. Thank you for working together with us to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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