

March 18, 2020

To: EJ Staff & Families,
Re: **Updated** Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

Our school district continues to work closely with county, state and federal health officials to follow all of their expert recommendations to best ensure the safety of everyone in our school community. It is important for you to know the most accurate and timely information about this health concern.

During this week, our custodial and maintenance staff have been working hard to clean and disinfect all school buildings and buses. We are relying heavily upon the disinfecting standards put forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Our bus drivers and food service employees have been working hard to continue to serve students in need of lunch and breakfast throughout our district at 5 regular sites: Coachman Cove, The Arbors Apartments, Ashton Ridge Apartments, Ridgewood Vista Apartments, and Sun Valley Estates. If you need support getting food service elsewhere, please contact Cheryn DeLosh at (517) 769-8958. Through Wednesday of this week, we have served over 1000 meals to district students. Please let us know how we can further help.

With our first local case reported in Jackson County, it is important for all in our community to continue to use precautions and advice from local, state, and federal health officials:

Protect Yourself:

- Avoid close contact with anyone that is sick
- Wash your hands regularly or use hand sanitizer (60% alcohol or greater)

Protect Others:

- Stay home if you are sick and seek medical care as needed
- Cover coughs or sneezes into your elbow
- Wear a face mask if you are sick
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched surfaces in your home

Please continue to avoid misinformation & seek out the best advice from health officials:

The Jackson County Health Department: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=287>

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

The Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We continually have open and effective lines of communication with our public health and education officials and will alert students, staff and parents if we receive further information related to COVID-19. There are many areas of uncertainty regarding the length of time for the closure and surrounding details. We will continue to monitor these issues to ensure student safety and will share more information as it becomes available. Until then, we will continue to serve our community with clean hands and warm hearts.

Sincerely,

Steve Doerr

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Superintendent