



GREEN LAKE
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March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today the Wisconsin Department of Health Services provided guidance about how to best handle the COVID-19 pandemic. The ultimate goal is to prevent the spread of the virus. They recommended canceling all events that may draw a crowd of 250 people or more.

At this time the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Green Lake County Health Department have not recommended school closures. This is a very fluid situation and may change at any time. We want you to be prepared in any case.

Potential plans to prevent the spread of the virus discussed by the school safety team include:

1. Education for students, staff and families regarding preventive strategies for containing the virus (handwashing and other sanitation efforts).
2. Preparation for a possible school closure. Should school close, continued education would be provided through on-line learning and teacher-prepared materials.
3. Cancellation or postponement of extracurricular activities. Please be aware that this may happen at short notice.
4. The possibility of self-reporting family travel to out-of-state locations and if necessary, self-quarantine for 14 days.

These are potential actions that may occur only if conditions worsen or we are directed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to act.

Please continue to monitor the district website, Facebook, email and text messages for additional information.

Green Lake School Safety Team

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Green Lake School District values the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) and want to share as much information with you, as possible.

As the Center for Disease Control (CDC) shares more information about the coronavirus (COVID-19), we want you to know that we are in regular contact with the Green Lake County Health Department. Our school nurse and school health services staff work alongside school administrators to plan and respond to emerging communicable disease concerns following the guidance of the public health department and CDC recommendations.

Schools are being encouraged to update their pandemic plans given that the CDC is recommending Americans prepare for the likely spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The Green Lake School District is reviewing its plan.

A continued theme from public health officials is that it is currently flu and respiratory disease season and getting vaccinated for influenza and taking everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs is recommended. CDC recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The school is taking every precaution to meet the preventive actions listed above.

- Links below to the Centers for Disease Control information about COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

- Link to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services information about COVID-19:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and changing. We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We plan to keep you informed as needed. We encourage you to contact the district school nurse or local public health department if you have further questions.

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Superintendent

Gina Baxter
Elementary Principal

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

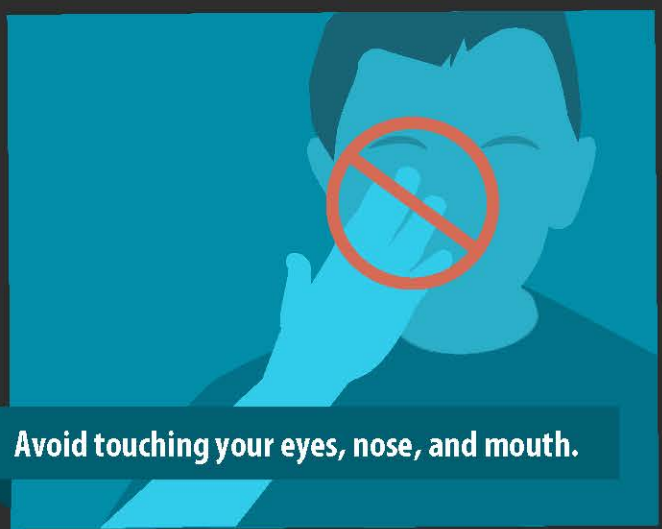
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Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



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Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19