

# REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT #10

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To: Region 10 Community  
From: Howard Thiery, Superintendent of Schools  
Date: February 28, 2020

Re: COVID-19 Update

Region 10 Community Members,

There has been a great deal of information in the news this week about the possible impact of the COVID 19 (Corona) Virus on schools and towns in our state and country. As a follow up to that information I would like to share with you what has been happening in Region 10 related to this issue. Over the last month we have been in an active monitoring phase. This monitoring included communication with our State Health Department, the State Epidemiologist, Local Health Departments and the Center for Disease Control. As a result of this communication an informational flyer was sent out to the community earlier this month regarding appropriate precautions. These precautions are currently still the recommended steps and no additional actions have been recommended by the State Department of Health. These precautions are also relevant to the current seasonal outbreak of influenza and therefore are excellent steps for community members to take to stay healthy at this time of year.

Recently the CDC has also recommended that schools and towns begin to consider what their plans would be in case there is a disruption due to a COVID19 outbreak in our state. In Region 10 we have a Pandemic Plan that was developed in 2009 after the outbreak of the H1N1 Flu. We are currently working to make sure that plan is up to date and reflects the current needs and capabilities of our schools. The plan includes clear lines of authority, communication and coordination with the State Departments of Health, local Health Departments and Emergency Management Systems. The Pandemic Plan also includes a plan for academic continuity should it become necessary for either the Governor or the State Departments of Health or Education to shut down schools due to an outbreak. We are currently working to update this academic continuity plan to best utilize the various technology platforms and systems that we have in order to keep students connected to their academic program if there were a school closure.

As pointed out by the Director of the Center for Disease Control, in his statement on February 25th, at this time the overall threat to our community is still very low. We are committed to continuing to stay on top of monitoring the situation, make sure that all critical lines of communication and coordination are operating and plan for maintaining academic continuity should a COVID 19 outbreak cause disruption in our community.

I have attached an informational flyer from the CDC regarding the COVID19 Virus and further information about COVID19 or Influenza can be found at the following links.

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

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

I will update the community if our situation or information changes.

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