

Bethel Public Schools

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Greetings parents,

This is the time of the year we anticipate the end of the cold and flu season. The current concern over the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has the full attention of the country and the media. We have increased our efforts at school to prevent the spread of any virus or disease with additional disinfecting of facilities. We have also emphasized the importance of proper hand washing, coughing and sneezing with staff and students.

We also need your help in our goal of maintaining a safe and healthy environment at school. Please make yourself familiar with the identified symptoms of COVID-19. If you or anyone you come in contact with exhibit these symptoms please take appropriate action as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) at www.cdc.gov.

We realize that many of you have travel plans for Spring Break that begins Friday, March 13th. If your plans involve a trip to any identified level 1, 2 or 3 countries, CDC recommended guidelines would be followed upon your return. Those individuals shall self-quarantine from our schools for 14 days upon their return. We encourage all other travelers, both in country and out, to exercise recommended precautions as protection.

The CDC guidelines will be the standard by which we will operate in the event of a verified case. Our hopes are that this will not happen, but awareness and preparation are the key. We strive to provide a safe and nurturing climate for all of our students and staff. That is our main concern and goal.

There are many varying opinions and commentaries on the Internet regarding this issue. The CDC is the standard for all facts and information regarding this virus. Below is the link on the CDC website that addresses childcare programs and schools. Please take a look at this section so you can better understand the guidance and recommendations that are going out to educational institutions. Thank you for your help in making Bethel Public Schools' students safe and healthy. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you might have.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>

Sincerely,



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