Stanwood-Camano School District COVID 19 Communication March 9, 2020

The district continues to monitor our COVID-19 status daily. We have not received contact from the health districts notifying us of confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 by students or staff in the Stanwood-Camano School District. We will continue to follow the directions of our county health districts as the safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority.

We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. We have attached a new <u>video with instructions on</u> <u>hand washing</u>.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Old Children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. The Snohomish County Health District provided guidance on returning to work after illness as well. They stated, "Do not attend work [or school] until 72 hours after fever has resolved or 7 days after the illness began, whichever is longer." This direction was also given to all of the staff in the district.

We are paying attention to what is occurring in the community. We will continue to follow the above practices to reduce transmission of the virus.

We will continue to communicate with you in the days and weeks to come. It is possible that we may need to close school(s) if it appears the coronavirus has affected our school community and if we are instructed to do so by OSPI, Governor Inslee, or the Health District(s).

As always, the safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority. We will act out of an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well-being. We will continue to restrict access to our facilities (please refer to the district message sent March 6 on websites). Thank you for understanding the changes we are implementing.

Please continue to monitor our website for updates.