



Coronavirus COVID 19-P.R.E.P. Plan

The Susquehanna Valley Central School District (SVCSD) will utilize the Prevention, Responsiveness, Education, Physical Spaces, (PREP) plan to achieve the following goals:

Prevention: Minimizing the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community

Responsiveness: Timely and accurate dissemination of information to our community

Education: Preserve continuity of learning and essential school functions for our community

Physical Spaces: Maintaining the safety, security, and cleanliness of our schools

PREVENTION

Our goal is to build on everyday practices including hand hygiene, monitoring student attendance and effective communication to minimize disruption to classroom schedules and prevent stigma or discrimination in regards to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Members of our school community are to continue following these essential steps that can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses:

- 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.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Custodial staff and any other person directed by the district are to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Ongoing Prevention Supports:

- SVCSD will continue to message to students, families and staff about disease prevention and hygiene.
- SVCSD will maintain contact with local and state health authorities on best prevention practices.
- SVCSD will review and continue to stock supplies in every school to the extent possible.

RESPONSIVENESS

SVCSD is committed to keeping all members of our community informed in a timely manner.

- The SVCSD website will have a devoted section to COVID-19 news and information on our homepage.
- SVCSD is providing counseling support to respond to schools where anxiety is high to help students focus.

EDUCATION

- SVCSD is exploring options to ensure students have alternative instruction learning if they are out of school for an extended period to the extent possible
- Information regarding cancelations, postponements, or delays of field trips, extracurricular activities and sports will be communicated by the District.

PHYSICAL SPACE

Our Facilities Department has implemented a robust custodial cleaning program to ensure our schools are ready to receive students in a safe environment.

- SVCSD will continue to provide hand-washing supplies and hand sanitizer dispensers at every school to the extent possible.
- SVCSD will continue clean commonly used surfaces (desks, chairs, door knobs, light switches, countertops, and other hard surfaces)
- SVCSD will continue to focus on extra cleaning in areas where disease is most likely to spread.
- If school closes, SVCSD will clean schools for decontaminations following Department of Health guidelines.

EXCLUSION PROVISIONS

The Broome County Department of Health (BCDOH) will notify SVCSD in the event any individual is required to be excluded from work/school.

- We will follow the instructions provided by the BCDOH for exclusion and readmission to any of our sites. The current recommended time period for self-quarantine is 14 days following the last exposure to the affected individual.
- It is recommended that you contact your health care provider if symptoms develop while on home quarantine.

DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS

- SVCSD will be guided by this plan and will collaborate with WCDOH, New York State Department of Health, Broome County Health Department, the New York State Health Department, and New York State in the event additional guidance is provided.
- If there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our any of our schools, we will close the district for 24-hours to sanitize. Any closure will be communicated to the BCDOH and/or NYSDOH and the NYSED.