



# SUSQUENITA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Susquenita Families:

School Districts across the state continue to receive regular updates regarding the coronavirus. Accordingly, our web site has been updated again today to include the latest information and guidance from both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the PA Department of Health. The guidance, we've received to date has not changed significantly: **As of the issuance of this letter, those agencies are not recommending that schools implement special measures beyond the usual suggestions for limiting the spread of illness.** However, agencies have placed more emphasis on the recommendation that students and employees experiencing illness remain home and seek medical advice specific to their symptoms and guidance as to their return to school or the workplace.

#### New Information!

#### Athletics/Plays/Musicals – Scheduled Events:

We've reached out to our league representative and the PIAA State Office out of concern. Below is the outcome of our communications:

- The PIAA State Officers have been receiving calls and have had multiple conversations with one another to address the concerns and safety of our student athletes participating in the state tournament this weekend.
- Bob Lombardi, President of the PIAA has been in correspondence daily with the PA Department of Health.
- As of 3/6/20 at 10:15am the Department of Health has informed PIAA that there is no need to change current scheduled events or procedures at this present time. They will continue to monitor the situation and be in constant communication with the PIAA.
- The PIAA has recommended that all teams playing in multiple tournaments and games to move away from handshakes and is encouraging athletes to do fist bumps or forearm bumps.

We will continue to provide updates as we receive new information/recommendations.

Again, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has indicated that the coronavirus spreads just like the flu or a cold - through the air by coughing or sneezing; through close personal contact, like touching or shaking hands; by touching an object or surface with the virus; and occasionally, through fecal contamination. To help minimize the spread of illness, they offer the following preventative measures:

- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands.
- Clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones, and other often-touched areas.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- If you are sick, please contact your primary care physician and stay home. Follow up with necessary communications and excuses with your child's school.

We encourage you to view the resource links that we have posted on our website at <https://www.susq.k12.pa.us/>. Here, you will find direct links to tip sheets, fact sheets, and other helpful information from the PA DOH and CDC. Just scroll down the home page. Information is posted in the Announcements section.

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