Highland Community,

Information and planning around the COVID-19 virus continues to evolve and it seems appropriate to provide an update. First, we are fortunate to have spring break next week and our staff is planning to follow cleaning protocols to completely disinfect our buildings.

The Governor of Colorado declared a "State of Emergency" earlier this week and provided rules for public schools in case students and staff have tested positive for the virus. In an effort to keep our populations safe, we will do our best to abide by the rules including school closures if necessary. At this time we have not been notified of any positive test received by Highland students or staff.

As we move forward, practices that will help keep everyone healthy include:

- Students and staff who are ill should stay at home.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you sneeze or cough and discard used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces (phones, keyboards and tablets).
- Families who are seen by a medical professional should communicate with their school regarding their diagnosis.

Additionally, the CHSAA has suspended all spring sports and activities through April 6th. We will handle local activities on a case by case basis.

We intend to continue to use our website and infinite campus messenger to provide information and resources for families during this difficult time. If you want further information, reference www.weldhealth.org.

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