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As you are aware, there is a growing concern about the COVID-19 (corona) virus. Concordia USD #333 is closely monitoring this situation through communication with the Cloud County Health Department. Both the County Health Department and USD #333 will follow guidelines from the National Center for Disease Control and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The health and well-being of our community will always be our utmost concern. We will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to monitor the health of all students and staff. Our custodial staff will also be diligent about cleaning with products approved for eliminating the COVID-19 virus on surfaces.

As of today, USD 333 intends school to resume on Monday March 16, 2020 as normal. School events and activities will continue as scheduled at this time unless altered by coaches or sponsors.

Today the Kansas Department of Education provided an update that included guidance about possible closures of schools. The decision to close a school will come from the local health department, state level officials or national officials. If there is a school closure, it could last at least fourteen calendar days. In the event of a school closure, the amount of school missed may result in students falling short of the required 1116 instructional hours per year. At that point, it appears we will have three options: 1) make up the missed time prior to June 30, 2020; 2) Provide virtual education that meets state requirements for online education; 3) make a formal request to the state commissioner of education to waive the 1116 hours per year requirement. We recommend our patrons go to <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm> to review the COVID-19, the Resource Center for COVID-19 posted on the Kansas State Department of Education website. The CDC also has information available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

At this time, there is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 should receive supportive care to help relieve symptoms. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately. Symptoms of the COVID-19 virus may appear 2-14 days after exposure and may include, running a fever, having a dry cough and experiencing a shortness of breath. If you or your child becomes ill you should: 1) Stay Home;) Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash; 3) Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Simple everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

We appreciate your help with keeping our community healthy! We will provide updated information as it becomes available. Please refer to www.usd333.com for further information.

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