



## EDGERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear EPS Families and Staff,

We have received a few questions expressing concerns about COVID-19, the “coronavirus,” and want to provide you with information about our process and procedures regarding this health issue.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) collaboratively take the lead on decisions regarding school closures or other impact on schools that could result from outbreaks of contagious conditions. They monitor local and national health concerns and their connection with major health organizations means they have access to more relevant and up-to-date information than individual school districts do.

We are in the prevention stage of managing for a potential outbreak of coronavirus and have standards and protocols already in place as it is influenza season. Key district leadership have met and are continuing to discuss and prepare in the event that a districtwide response is needed. The surface disinfectant cleaners used in our school buildings is effective against the family of viruses that includes coronavirus.

It bears repeating that the most significant things you can do to protect yourself and your family from contagious conditions are the same preventative practices that we promote every year during cold and flu season:

- Wash your hands
- Cover a cough or sneeze
- Stay home when you are sick
- Keep kids home from school or activities when they are sick

Be assured that we will follow any recommendations from MDE and/or MDH regarding the coronavirus or any other contagious condition. Decisions about the implementation of school closings E-learning opportunities, and school calendar changes are all in the realm of possibilities if faced with a COVID-19 outbreak. You would receive communication from us via email, text, phone, social media and websites if the situation proved necessary.

It is important that you and your family also plan how you would manage childcare, work and activities should schools or workplaces need to close. The National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), has [Developed Guidance](#), which is attached below, to help in the risk assessment and management of potential exposures to COVID-19 in our communities. For your information, here is a brief presentation by the [World Health Organization](#) that provides background on the coronavirus. This information may also be found on our website, [www.edgertonpublic.com](http://www.edgertonpublic.com).

We know this is on your minds and is the top of the news every night. We will provide an update if we anticipate an impact on our schools, students, or staff.

Sincerely,

Keith Buckridge, Superintendent