

Dear Milford Public School Families,

I want to provide an update on the latest information related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and any impacts to school operations and practices. We continue to regularly monitor the situation with local, state, and federal authorities. These updates are based on guidelines from the Massachusetts Department of Health, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the Governor's office:

- Yesterday afternoon Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts. We are also expecting further specific guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Health later this week.
- We are currently evaluating all of our field trips for the spring. There will be no school-sponsored international or out of state travel by students or staff until further notice. If your child was scheduled to attend an out of state trip expect a communication from the trip sponsors or local school contact within the next 24 hours. All other scheduled field trips will continue to be evaluated.
- We continue to be focused on the cleanliness of our schools. In addition to following our regular cleaning and maintenance protocols we are using sanitizing equipment called Protexus Electrostatic Sprayers in each of our buildings each weekend and as needed during the week.
- We continue to encourage preventative practices including regular hand washing, keeping your hands away from your face, moving away from handshakes to "elbow bumps", and contact your healthcare provider if you are ill or have questions. Our school nurses are also a resource for students during the school day.
- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health continue to remind us that each school district makes decisions specific to issues occurring in their local area. They remind us not to react to school closings in other communities. They recommend that schools contact their local board of health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health before making decisions. Every school district and situation varies and steps or procedures that may be necessary in one school district may not be necessary in another.
- Here is a link to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:  
<https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>  
This site is updated regularly.

This is an evolving situation. We will provide updates if there are any changes that impact our schools. I appreciate your support on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin McIntyre  
Superintendent