

March 13, 2020

Public health agencies around the world are working to contain an outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus that has been detected in more than 100 countries. Since the World Health Organization's designation of COVID-19 as a global pandemic, school districts across the state have received guidance from public health officials and implemented strategies aimed at prevention and mitigation of the spread of the disease.

In adherence to guidance from Governor Gretchen Whitmer to close all K-12 public school districts between March 16 and April 5, as well as to cancel or postpone large-crowd events and non-essential travel, the six school districts comprising the Lapeer County Intermediate School District (LCISD) will jointly take steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Beginning Friday, March 13 and continuing through Sunday, April 5, all Lapeer County school districts and the LCISD will implement the following:

- All events open to the public will be postponed until a later date or cancelled. This includes plays, musicals, concerts, Kindergarten Round-Up, community enrichment and other public events scheduled by outside groups but housed in district facilities.
- All school buildings are closed to the public including administrative offices. Bear in mind that some district-level essential employees will report during this time.
- All spring athletic competitions and practices are postponed or cancelled during this period.
- All district-sponsored international and domestic group travel is cancelled.
- Districts will continue to follow existing procedures including more frequent and intentional sanitization of classrooms and other high-traffic, touched-surface areas, in preparation for the return of students and staff.
- Food service will be available during this period of closure. Your local school district will communicate times and dates for these services.

The superintendents from all Lapeer County school districts met on March 12 to discuss implementation of these measures. It is of vital importance that we make every effort to be proactive with preventative measures to impede the spread of the virus. We have a unique responsibility as public school districts to do everything in our power to ensure the health and safety of the communities we serve.

With that in mind, there are things that all of us can do TODAY to help slow the spread of the virus:

- Families or students that return from any country on the Centers for Disease Control's Level 3 Travel Advisory list should be held out of school until 14 days after they have entered the United States, even if they are not showing symptoms of the virus.
- It is vital for all students, parents and staff members to practice preventative hygiene (frequent hand-washing) and social distancing measures (avoid close contact, no handshakes or high fives).
- Students and staff must stay home if they are sick and encourage others to do the same.
- While coughing or sneezing, please cover your mouth with the crook of your elbow. Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth without first washing or sanitizing your hands.

We will continue to collaborate with state and local public health officials as this situation continues to unfold. Rest assured, we will continue to keep you informed with new information as we receive it.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Zott', written in a cursive style.

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