



March 12, 2020

Dear Owosso Families:

Owosso Public Schools is following Governor Whitmer's and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service's recommendations to slow the transmission of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The situation is changing by the hour. At this time, please take note of the following important details regarding our district:

- Beginning today, school activities, gatherings, assemblies, or events with more than 100 people in a shared space will be cancelled (will not be rescheduled) **OR** suspended (temporarily cancelled with the potential of being rescheduled at later date).
- March 19, 2020 elementary school parent-teacher conferences will not be held in the school building. Instead, elementary parents can expect to be contacted by your child's teacher(s) via phone or email prior to spring break. Please do not come to the school for a face-to-face parent-teacher conference. Elementary students will still have a half-day of school on March 19.
- At this time, athletic practices will continue as usual. The district will follow the Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) and the Flint Metro League's guidelines with regards to competitions. Coaches will communicate with student athletes as information becomes available.
- Field trips scheduled to destinations outside of our school district are suspended until April 10.
- Blue & Gold After School Programs will continue as scheduled.
- The plans for specific school activities, gatherings, assemblies, or events will be communicated by each school's principal.

As of today, Owosso Public Schools is suspending all student attendance incentives as they may hamper efforts to contain the virus. If you do not feel comfortable sending your child/ren to school, it is always your right as a parent to keep your child home. Please call the school office to excuse your child's absence. During this time, we are going to be flexible with our attendance policy.

Students are being given additional opportunities to wash their hands throughout the school day and being educated on preventative hygiene practices:

- Stay home if you are sick, and advise others to do the same.
- Always cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and warm water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, including busses.

Owosso Public Schools is taking additional measures to clean our schools and busses.

Additionally, we are preparing a resource tool for electronic learning from home, should it be needed.

The health and safety of our students is of the utmost importance. We are continuing to monitor the coronavirus developments and will communicate additional information as it becomes available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this unprecedented situation. Please contact your school principal if you have questions. Please understand that they are responding as quickly as possible to all inquiries.

Follow this link for additional information from Governor Whitmer:

https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/03/11/file_attachments/1398648/MDHHS,%20Interim%20Recommendations%20for%20COVID-19%20%28final%29.pdf

Sincerely,

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