

March 12, 2020

Dear Seaside Families and Staff,

Late last night, the State of Oregon issued new guidance regarding the outbreak of COVID 19. The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Oregon is continuing to increase, but there are still no known cases in our community. The following guidelines will be in place statewide from Thursday, March 12, through Wednesday, April 8.

- Large gatherings (250+ people) are suspended.
- Non-essential school activities such as group parent meetings, allowing spectators at sporting events, assemblies and field trips are cancelled.
- Non-essential work related travel is cancelled
- School closure will be a last resort and will be based on information or requirements from public health authorities.

Our district has already had several procedures in place.

- We began regular disinfection of our schools with hospital grade products in December as the flu season approached.
- Our schools buses are now being disinfected after both the morning pick up and afternoon drop off.
- We follow all guidance from the Oregon Health Authority which is being updated daily.
- We are changing over all of our hand sanitizer to 60% alcohol based products
- We participate in a weekly Clatsop County Emergency Management meeting with multiple community partners including public health, local hospitals, public safety, municipal governments and chambers of commerce.
- It appears unlikely at this time that we will be told to close schools, but we have begun the planning process to be ready should the situation change.

Students, families, and everyone in our community can best support a healthy school and community by washing hands frequently, covering mouths when coughing or sneezing, and using hand sanitizer. Those experiencing symptoms of the cold or flu should stay at home, only returning to school or work when symptom-free for 24 hours. If you are concerned about symptoms, please consult your healthcare provider.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time. We will continue to rely on the guidance from Oregon public health authorities, the Department of Education, and the Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,

Sheila Roley, Superintendent