

March 12, 2020

Dear Ray-Pec families,

We continue to monitor the latest updates regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-2019), a respiratory virus that has spread worldwide. You may recall that we have shared [information](#) about what the District is doing to reduce the risk of illness and how families can help.

It is important for Ray-Pec to prepare for the unknown and plan for possible impacts on school and the learning process. If it becomes necessary to close school, the length of the closure will impact our next steps. We are preparing to provide virtual learning opportunities for students in grades 6-12 and education material for our students at the prekindergarten and elementary level in the event that school closings are enacted. We do not have any indication that virtual instruction will be needed in the near future, but we want families to be aware of the possibility.

We will notify the community of any closures through the same channels we use to communicate inclement weather closures. Please be sure your information is up-to-date in order to receive email, telephone calls, and/or [text messages](#).

#### Large group events

Out of an abundance of caution, the District is evaluating upcoming large group events. There may be changes or cancellations of meetings, sporting events, assemblies, or other activities. Watch for communication from your child's school, or announcements via email or on the [District website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

#### Spring Break travel

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued [guidance](#) for people who are returning from countries with widespread, ongoing transmission of COVID-19. If you or your family plans to travel to one of [these countries](#) over Spring break, please contact your child's school for information regarding the return to school. Ray-Pec students or staff who travel to these areas, or have members of their families who are returning from these areas, may require medical clearance before returning to school. Our schools will work with any students who are unable to immediately return to school to support their ongoing learning.

#### Cleaning our schools

We take pride in our clean facilities, and we know this is more important than ever right now. The CDC recommends regular cleaning as one of the most important preventive measures we can take. On top of our daily cleaning schedule, we're adding additional deep cleaning and disinfecting.

It is not our intent to raise the level of concern regarding the coronavirus or any illness, but rather inform families that we are preparing for all possibilities. The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kari Monsees

Superintendent

