



March 11, 2020

Greetings Families and Salina Community Members,

One important aspect of my job at Salina is the safety and well-being of all students and staff. Recently, the local, national and international news outlets have been sharing a lot of information about a new strain of the Coronavirus, COVID 19. The administration and staff in the Dearborn Public Schools are collaborating and coordinating with local and state healthcare officials in order to monitor and plan for any impact the Coronavirus may have on our school population.

We will do our best to keep you informed and will share new information as it becomes available. We need your help to do this.

As the information for COVID 19 progresses we will continue to monitor the absentee rates in our buildings and will be paying close attention to any information and/or advice from the Centers for Disease Control, the Michigan Department of Health and the Wayne County Health Department in order to make decisions about the best steps to take concerning our school.

We will be working closely with our custodial and teaching staff to reinforce good hygiene controls in the building to help keep your child healthy.

For now, here are a few things you can do to help:

- Remind your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. Set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food, or un-washed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. If a tissue is unavailable, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the Coronavirus. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick will be sent home.

I look forward to working together in order to support an informed and healthy learning environment for our children and community.

If you have specific concerns or questions about the Coronavirus, we encourage you to consult with your primary care family doctor. If you do not have a family doctor, please feel free to contact our school nurse, Ms. Amy Kandes at 313-827-4710 or you can send an email atkandes@dearbornschools.org

Thank you for your attention to this important health issue and as always, feel free to reach out to me if you have a question or concern.

Sincerely,

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