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Coronavirus Information

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an emerging disease and the Peninsula School District is committed to keeping our learning community informed. The health and well-being of our students, staff, and community are a top concern.

We are receiving regular updates from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department on the COVID-19 outbreak. We will follow their directives on keeping schools open or closing them to prevent the spread of any disease. The DOH has not advised schools to take any special precautions beyond what is normally recommended to prevent the spread of viruses in schools at this time.

In order to keep our schools clean and free of disease, custodians closely follow cleaning recommendations from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. They do not recommend any unapproved cleaning supplies in the school setting.

Similar to previous SARS, swine flu, and measles concerns, we work with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department to track absences and address potential cases.

We continue to educate students and staff about the prevention of disease and encourage everyone to take these simple steps.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose. Help young children do the same.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands with soap and water.

Please know we will update our employees, parents, students, and community as we receive new information or need to take other actions.



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