



March 3, 2020

Dear District 95 Parents and Guardians,

The District continues to work under the guidance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Lake County Health Department, the Cook County Health Department and the District's consulting physician from Northwest Community Hospital regarding Coronavirus COVID-19. As shared with you yesterday, a confirmed case of the virus was verified at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights and some employees of the hospital were asked to self-quarantine and socially distance themselves since they were in contact with the patient who tested positive with Coronavirus. A couple of individuals with ties to May Whitney and Middle School North reside in these households. In touching base with these health agencies again today, there is NO CHANGE in their guidance from yesterday which advised, *"these individuals are not considered Coronavirus cases, and they have no restrictions in terms of work, school, or other activities."* However, **these members of our District 95 community willingly joined their hospital-employed family members in a self-quarantine.** Although these individuals were willing to self-quarantine, this step was not, and is not, considered necessary by the Lake County Health Department, the Cook County Health Department, and the District's consulting physician from Northwest Community Hospital.

#### **What We Are Doing**

- District 95's Pandemic Planning Team met today to review the most recent information, create a communication plan, discuss containment and prevention steps, review resources and assign task forces for Board of Education policies in relation to Pandemic Preparedness
- Custodial staff are reviewing and implementing improved sanitation protocol
- A Coronavirus Information Page has been added to our District website under the Parent menu: <https://www.lz95.org/parents/coronavirus-information-page>

#### **What You Can Do for Your Family Members**

- Continue to practice effective hand washing techniques
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home at the first sign of any symptoms of illness
- Contact your physician if you have question/concerns regarding your personal health history and implications of Coronavirus COVID-19
- Remain calm and reassuring

We will continue to provide you with any pertinent information and updates from health experts and agencies as well as any information about the Coronavirus COVID-19 as it impacts our area; however, please also note that we have been advised that this information may change over a short period of time as experts provide up-to-date information.

Sincerely,

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