

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"The Scholarship City"

417 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720

Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D., Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

To: Fall River Public School Families

From: Matthew H. Malone, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 9, 2020

Re: Coronavirus Update #3



We have a central office employee who is experiencing flu-like symptoms. This employee, along with another employee from the central office, attended a district-sponsored conference in Las Vegas, from February 24th - 29th. Said employee reported back to the central office and worked March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. On the evening of the 4th, said employee began to experience "Flu-like" symptoms and therefore, stayed home sick March 5th, 6th, and 9th. As a preventative response, I have directed both employees to self-quarantine in compliance with national and state standards and in compliance with the language in our employee collective bargaining agreements. To be clear, one employee is experiencing "Flu-like symptoms" but has not tested positive for the coronavirus while the other employee is "asymptomatic", not experiencing any flu-like symptoms. I decided to direct the self-quarantine of both employees out of an abundance of caution.

At 3:30 pm today I closed our Central Office headquarters at 417 Rock Street where both employees who attended the Las Vegas conference worked. I sent home all central office personnel to provide deep disinfecting sanitization procedures. Presently, our custodial staff is utilizing our deep disinfecting equipment to clean and sanitize the entire central office building.

We have been in contact with our local Public Health Department to confirm this information and our response. Although we do not have a positive confirmed case of coronavirus, it is flu-season and typical influenza is very common at this time. If you are experiencing "flu-like" symptoms please stay home and contact us to confirm any possible exposures. You must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to work or school.

Our district offices and our schools will be open tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the regular start times.

MHM/ps