



Dear ONE Troy,

Last night, the Governor announced the first two cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan. One of the cases is a middle-aged woman here in Oakland County, the other is a middle-aged man in Wayne County. Although we anticipated the virus would appear here in Michigan before long, we know that the news is concerning to all of us.

We will have more to communicate to you later in the day about specific events, contingency plans and activities/trips, but I wanted to take a moment this morning to reassure staff, students and parents alike that we are on top of this issue and doing everything we can to ensure that our schools take every precaution possible. We have several teams that have been working on various aspects of our COVID-19 protocol and response since mid-February and we are following every best practice laid out by the CDC and World Health Organization. We have plans in place and are working on logistics for every possible scenario.

In order for you to be able to find the latest answers to Frequently Asked Questions within the District as well as links to resources and data from the public health agencies working on COVID-19, I have compiled everything on a single webpage. There is a link on the TSD website as well as every school website in the TSD: <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/covid-19-coronavirus-response> Please take a moment to look at it—I believe it will answer many of the questions you may have.

Our focus is prevention, education and providing you with the resources you need to be smart and safe—but not to panic. We know from the data that children appear to be in the lowest risk group for COVID-19 and virtually every child who contracted the virus worldwide had a very mild case and recovered quickly. Regardless, we are taking COVID-19 very seriously and are confident that the measures we have in place now—and the constant reassessment of our response—will help stop the spread of this virus here in our area.

Please give us a few hours to work with staff on answers for specific events and activities. We will have more to say later in the day and are committed to working with our entire community to ensure that we all stay safe. Remember—frequent hand washing, staying home when you are sick and good hygiene practices are the best way to keep the virus away.

Thank you, as always, for your support,