



Dear ONE Troy,

As we mentioned earlier today, two cases of novel coronavirus COVID-19 have emerged in Michigan, one in Oakland and one in Wayne counties. We are not aware of any tie between these cases and the City of Troy or our school district, but in this continually changing times, we are proceeding with an abundance of caution.

In order to minimize the potential exposure of our buildings, staff and students to COVID-19, our team met today and decided to cancel all non-essential large gatherings from now until the end of Spring Break. School attendance is an essential function of our district and will continue but by limiting outside access to our buildings for activities that are not mandatory, we can play a role in mitigating the potential spread of the novel coronavirus here in our area.

Therefore, from now until the end of Spring Break:

- All school sponsored travel, internationally and within the U.S. is cancelled.
- All staff conferences and district sponsored travel for staff are cancelled.
- All field trips are cancelled.
- Additional performances of Athens Theatre Company's production of "The Crucible" will be cancelled and rescheduled for a later date. Further information regarding Troy High's production of "Mary Poppins" will be sent out as soon as it is available.
- All assemblies involving participation by the general public are cancelled. Assemblies during the school day that include only the students and staff of the building may continue as scheduled, at the discretion of the building principal or leader.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are cancelled. Families are encouraged to digitally connect with teachers for progress updates.
- Curriculum Night is cancelled.
- PTO, community and parent meetings after school are cancelling.
- All Middle School Athletics are cancelled through the end of this week. Further decisions will be made after that time.

- Certain high school athletic competitions will continue as scheduled under the guidance of Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). We will look to the MHSAA for ongoing guidance and connect with families if this guidance changes. **Spectators will be limited to only immediate family members and essential personnel.**

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES are essential and will continue as regularly scheduled.

Additional information that will address other events and activities will be sent out in the near future.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and community is our highest priority but we are also mindful of our critical role to educate students. We have received several inquiries regarding closing school, but we have not made the decision to do so at this time. We do have contingency plans in place if a closure is necessary and will share those when appropriate.

If you choose to keep your children home in the meantime, please understand that we cannot provide homework or lessons for them to complete while they are not in school. It is important that you call your children in “absent” each day, so that extended absences do not result in your students being un-enrolled from the District.

As we mentioned, we are following the guidance of the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the CDC and Oakland County Health Division. Governor Whitmer recently activated the Emergency Operations Center and declared a state of emergency to harness resources to slow the spread of the virus and protect families. The governor is scheduled to speak later today. As soon as we receive any updates, we will continue to provide you with the latest information about COVID-19, as well as posting it on our COVID-19 response page: <https://www.troy.k12.mi.us/covid-19-coronavirus-response>

We appreciate your partnership as we work together to mitigate the spread of this and other viral infections. We are in unprecedented territory here, and we are grateful for your support and patience as we respond in the most thoughtful and reasoned way.