

March 11, 2020

Dear B-ESD Families and Staff,

The novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, continues to impact communities locally and regions across the globe. We are listening to parent and staff questions and concerns and we continue to update actions and decisions based on communications with Skagit County Department of Health.

On March 10, 2020, the Skagit County Department of Health made a presentation to the County Commissioners updating information. The Skagit County Public Health Officer, Dr. Liebrand, is **not recommending school closures at this time**. The Health Department made additional recommendations during their presentation:

Aligned with and in response to those recommendations, the Burlington-Edison School District is taking the following additional steps.

- All non-essential after-school activities are cancelled until further notice including but not limited to:
 - Music Concerts
 - After-school tutoring or clubs (The Boys & Girls Club and YMCA Programs will remain open.)
 - Parent group events
- Middle School Athletics are cancelled until further notice
- All non-essential district meetings are cancelled until further notice (site specific meetings can continue as scheduled)
- Upcoming field trips and special events are cancelled on a case-by-case basis. When possible, we will look to reschedule events for later dates:
 - Edison Carnival is cancelled
 - 9th grade parent night is cancelled
 - At this time, the Camp Orkila and Snow School trips are still on, pending further information from local health officials – this could change within the next day or two.
- Upcoming Parent Conferences and Student-led Conferences are cancelled. The scheduled half-days will remain as half-days on the calendar.
- Please contact the individual school site for more information about scheduled building-specific field trips.

How can families help:

- If your student is sick (fever over 100 degrees F, vomiting, diarrhea, cough), please keep them home until they have been symptom free for 72 hours. Call your doctor if you are concerned about your student's symptoms.
- If your child is considered high risk (heart/lung disease, diabetes, medically fragile, pregnant), please consult your physician for instructions.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands

This is evolving and changing situation. We will provide updates as necessary on our website and social media pages. The Skagit County Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms, please call the DOH Call Center at 1-800-525-0127 and press #. You can also check their webpage at Skagitcounty.net/coronavirus. Skagit County Public Health: 360-416-1500.

Sincerely,



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Additional information and resources are available at:

- [Skagit County Department of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control Quick Facts \(English\) / What you Need to Know About COVID-19 \(English\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control Quick Facts \(Español\) / Lo que necesita saber sobre la enfermedad del coronavirus 2019\(COVID-19\) \(Español\)](#)