



GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority, and we want to share some important information regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus). Gulf Shores City Schools is continually monitoring information and guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Alabama State Department of Education, which are closely following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pertaining to COVID-19. To date, all guidance has stressed the importance of the following prevention measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are unavailable, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay home if you're sick, except to get medical care.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, discard the tissue, and immediately wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

What GSCS is doing-

- We are following industry standard cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Common contact surfaces, sinks, kitchens, restrooms and windows are cleaned regularly.
- We are sanitizing buses every day.
- Students and staff are being reminded to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or to use hand sanitizer if handwashing isn't possible.
- We will continue to take precautions, monitor schools, and follow the recommendations of the Department of Public Health and the State Department.

We have plans in place to provide instruction via distance learning if we are required to close schools for an extended period of time. Our distance learning plan includes learning activities and instructional support as well as procedures and expectations for teachers, students, and parents.

We understand and value the trust that you have in our school system to take care of your children. I assure you that we will be proactive and make decisions based on what is best for our children and staff members.

Very Respectfully,

Matt Akin
Superintendent
Gulf Shores City Schools