



Camdenton R-III School District

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Dear Laker Families, Staff and Community,

We would like to update you on the plan that the Camdenton R-III School District is working on in respect to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. I hope this information reassures you that the school district is taking this situation very seriously. We are in close communication with our local health department, and we continue to monitor websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODHSS) in order keep current on this evolving situation.

The following are some common questions and answers that we are hearing from family and the public:

- **Will the school district close schools?**
 - Currently, Camden County Health Department public health officials do not recommend closing schools at this time.
- **If schools are closed, how will students continue to access their education?**
 - The administration is looking into ways to develop alternative learning plans in the event they are needed.
- **Are health-related absences due to COVID-19 concerns excused from school?**
 - We want to reiterate that families know what is best for their children and we will honor your decision to keep your child home from school. Some children and family members may be at higher risk for severe illness because of underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system. We are asking parents to make the best decision for their families. Please notify your child's school if you will be keeping him or her home.
- **How will the Camdenton School District keep families, staff and students informed regarding coronavirus?**
 - Any district updates will be conveyed through regular district channels – including email and voice messaging, the district website, and social media.

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- **What is the protocol for cleaning and disinfecting schools and buses?**
 - Staff have been directed to prioritize cleaning common and high-traffic areas multiple times a day. Prioritized cleaning includes bathrooms, the cafeteria, common spaces, door handles, emergency bars on doors, etc. All efforts will be made to keep students healthy and safe.
- **When should a student or staff member stay home?**
 - If students or staff experience fever of 100 degrees or higher, cough and/or difficulty breathing, the CDC recommends they should stay home from school and contact their health care provider immediately.
- **Will school events and travel be canceled?**
 - School events, including athletics and local field trips, are not canceled at this time, but that remains a possibility.
- **Where can I turn for more information?**
 - cdc.gov
 - www.who.int
 - Health.mo.gov
 - The Missouri Dept. of Health and Senior Services opened a statewide public hotline for citizens needing guidance regarding COVID-19 that is operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The phone number is **887-435-8411**.

We will make every attempt to keep parents, staff and the community informed as we monitor the situation. We have an action plan in place if needed. Thank you all for helping us keep our students safe and healthy!

Sincerely,



Tim Hadfield, Superintendent

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