



Norfolk Public Schools

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Dear Norfolk Public Schools Families:

Your students' safety is our top priority. We want to share with you the work that is being done in our schools as we continue to carefully monitor the evolving situation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and its possible impact on our community.

Our team of school division leaders is regularly communicating with the Norfolk Department of Public Health as well as the Virginia Department of Health to make sure we receive the most up-to-date information on the spread of the virus.

This team is ensuring that multiple safety measures are being put in place including:

- Daily cleaning of high touch points in schools (such as light switches, railings, and doorknobs) using anti-viral disinfectant solutions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control;
- Posting of fliers in schools that remind students and staff of healthy hygiene habits such as washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Reviewing emergency operations plans and making necessary adjustments as new information becomes available; and
- Making plans for continuing student learning if students are required to stay at home for an extended period of time.

For families who have upcoming travel plans, especially out of the United States, we ask that you follow guidance posted on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) to stay informed about travel health protocols upon return.

While this may be an uncertain time, we want to assure you that Norfolk Public Schools is ready and prepared to manage this changing situation and pledge to keep you informed as we move forward together. We invite you to stay updated by visiting our [Coronavirus Update web page](#). Thank you for your continued support of Norfolk Public Schools!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharon I. Byrdsong
Superintendent