



Knob Noster R-VIII School District

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Date: March 7, 2020
To: Knob Noster Public Schools Community
From: Superintendent Jerrod Wheeler
RE: Covid-19 Update (2)

Dear Knob Noster Public Schools Community,

I am writing with an update and second communication regarding the Covid-19, the Novel Coronavirus.

The safety and health of our school community continues to remain of utmost concern. We have continued to carefully monitor the spread of the Covid-19. We continue to plan strategies responsive to this situation, should it become a pandemic. This includes regular communication with Whiteman AFB officials and most recently includes Knob Noster officials serving on a regional task force specific to this issue.

It has been 10 days since my last communication on this matter, and it is a relief to report that there are still no known confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Missouri. However, we remain vigilant in our planning.

With no known vaccine for Covid-19, the best way to prevent the infection is to avoid exposure. We know that the incubation period (the time between exposure and symptoms) is between one and 14 days. As a school district, we play an important role in slowing the spread of this disease by helping ensure students have safe and healthy learning environments.

With Spring Break approach at the end of this week, we recognize planned vacation travel will likely occur. Accordingly, any student visiting countries under the travel advisories with the Center for Disease Control (China, Italy, South Korea, Iran, Japan) from now through June 30, 2020, will be asked to stay home from school for 14 days upon their return to the United States. During these 14 days, students will not be penalized and will receive schoolwork through alternative methods. In addition, participation in extracurricular activities will be suspended during the incubation period. This precaution also applies to any staff members traveling to these countries.

If your student is traveling to any of the countries mentioned above (or to any countries who are subsequently added to the list), please inform Superintendent Jerrod Wheeler immediately, so that we may initiate this plan. This information may be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

As always, we sincerely appreciate your understanding and partnership as we work together to serve our students and community. Should you have any questions or comments, please direct your inquiry to jwheeler@knobnoster.k12.mo.us. As a reminder, from our last memo notification, our district does not plan to engage or respond to social media inquiry threads on this issue.

Sincerely,

Jerrod Wheeler, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools