

March 6, 2020

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Avon Grove Community,

As the global spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, Avon Grove School District (AGSD) wants to assure you that we are committed to ensuring the safety, security and wellness of our school community. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide transparent, proactive communications to our staff and families. We have been discussing the situation daily, both internally and in partnership with districts throughout the county, and will communicate any updates as they become available.

As of this evening, there are two confirmed cases in Pennsylvania, both outside of Chester County. We are working closely with our local and state health and educational agencies, and are following their recommendations. We have not received any recommendations for mandatory quarantines or closing of our schools. At this point, recommendations include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- If you've traveled recently, check the CDC "Information for Travel" page to see if the area you visited is listed at <http://bit.ly/TravelCOVID-19>. If it is an area with widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission (Level 3), call the Health Department at 610-344-6225, as you may be required to self-quarantine.

Our administration is reviewing and finalizing our District's Pandemic Preparedness Action Plan to respond to and prepare for a potential closing or quarantine period. Understanding the situation may evolve quickly, we are preparing to send an email on Sunday evening with more details. You can also visit the [Pupil Service page](#) of our website for links to District communications and additional resources.

Thank you for your help and support in keeping our schools safe.

Sincerely,

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