



School District of Spring Valley

Home of the Cardinals

Dear Staff and Families,

This letter is to provide parents and community members with updated information about the District's response to the latest news about the coronavirus (COVID-19) that has spread to a number of countries around the world, including the US. Please note that at the time this letter is being written, the risk to Wisconsin families is considered low.

We want you to know that we are regularly in contact with the Pierce County Public Health Department to monitor daily updates and CDC recommendations. The School District of Spring Valley also recently updated our pandemic plan to help us better prepare and respond to pandemic outbreaks.

The recommendations as of now from the CDC and Pierce County Public Health remain prevention-focused. Listed below are the recommendations for preventing the spread of any virus and reducing the spread of germs.

- Maintain good hygiene practices including frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer often if no soap and water is available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, and keep your children home if they are sick.
- Stay away from people who have the flu or a virus.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

We have reviewed our cleaning products and there are multiple products that we currently use that are pre-approved by the EPA to disinfect the coronavirus. We will continue to regularly clean and disinfect high traffic areas in our schools.

Please be sure to monitor age-appropriate impact on children who are watching and/or hearing news reports that could cause anxiety or fear. Focus on prevention measures, like good hand hygiene, and use reliable sources for information about the situation.

Below are the sites that are recommended for information:

The CDC has detailed information which is continuously updated at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

The WI Department of Health Services also has information available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

We will continue to work with the Pierce County Public Health Department and other agencies to monitor the ongoing situation and make any additional recommendations in the operations of our schools.

Sincerely,

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Visit our web site at www.springvalley.k12.wi.us

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