



FOXBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Foxborough Community,

I am writing to share updates pertaining to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

After discussions with the Foxborough Health Department the District has been advised that the schools can continue as normal and follow our regular operating procedures. As always, we will continue to monitor events and respond to any new information that is shared with us from appropriate local and state health organizations.

The District remains in close daily communication with local public health officials as well as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and will continue to coordinate with them as our current situation remains fluid.

School Activities

The Foxborough Public Schools have complied with Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE) Commissioner Jeff Riley's request regarding school trips requiring travel, and have cancelled all out-of-state and international travel for students.

Where the Governor has urged the limiting or elimination of large events, Foxborough will sadly suspend the use of our buildings for discretionary meetings and events in our schools. This will allow our staff to concentrate and continue their efforts on our cleaning processes.

At this time, we will limit the use of our facilities by outside participants. There are many events that take place throughout the district on a daily basis and this will result in the cancellation or postponement of many. Your child's school will provide updates as necessary. These events will be reassessed in 30 days, or sooner, depending upon any additional information that is received.

Continue to Stay Informed and Take Precautions

Health officials are encouraging residents to take the following precautions to prevent infectious diseases, such as the flu and COVID-19, from spreading:

- Wash hands frequently, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.
- When sick yourself, stay home to protect others and practice social distancing.

Foxborough Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.

- Always cover your cough or sneeze.

If you feel you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you should contact your local health department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our School Facilities Department that is continuing to vigilantly sanitize our educational spaces and pay extra attention to all areas and surfaces. Additionally, I would like to thank our food service staff who have been extra diligent in cleaning and sanitizing. Lastly, thanks to our transportation department bus seats and surfaces are getting an extra cleaning daily in both the morning and afternoon. All of this attention to detail and care of our schools and students is greatly appreciated by all!

Please know that we remain deeply committed to student and staff wellness and will share any new information about this evolving situation.

Sincerely,



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Reminders:

For more information, visit the DPH website by [clicking here](#) and the CDC's website by [clicking here](#).

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is in regular communication with local Boards of Health, healthcare providers, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools and local government officials. COVID-19 information is posted on the MADPH website and updated regularly: Updated information from DPH is available at www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus.

[Fact Sheet for COVID-19](#)

For the latest on monitoring of cases in Massachusetts, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-quarantine-and-monitoring>.

For questions, contact the DPH Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences at (617) 983-6800