

March 12, 2020

Dear Lexington District One Family:

As we continue adjusting to the impact of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus, we also continue to make some adjustments to our normal operating procedures.

Those changes affected student travel first. Over the last few days, we canceled upcoming trips to China, Italy, Japan, and France based on the CDC's travel advisories. We also canceled or postponed trips within the United States to Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New York.

Now, we are suspending all out of state travel for students (including athletics) and all out of state professional development related travel for staff. If you are a parent of a student with an upcoming out of state field trip or athletic event, we suggest you check with the trip's sponsor or coach to find out the latest information.

In addition, we decided to suspend all internships, co-ops, or apprenticeships housed at any health care facility or affiliate where students would have contact with patients. This includes hospitals, dental offices, physical therapy facilities, hospices, etc.

Of course, we continue to work with the CDC and DHEC health officials to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure our students stay healthy. We have decided, however, to put in place some extra precautions and adjust some of our common, everyday practices.

We are eliminating self-serve lines in our cafeterias and the practice of having a common table with produce, etc. that students can pick up.

We met with principals on Wednesday and emphasized some best practices, such as eliminating handshakes by substituting with elbow or toe taps, making sure our soap dispensers stay full, and providing the appropriate spray disinfectant to teachers as well as custodians.

We continue to work diligently on emergency plans should the virus spread and force us to close school for any reason. You will be receiving an email and

survey from us about your access to the internet. This information will help us plan things such as distance or e-Learning opportunities, for instance.

We are having conversations with the South Carolina High School League and anticipate some changes to our schedules and events for athletics in the future.

This will not be the last time we communicate with you as we are committed to providing accurate information. Also, remember that we created a webpage specifically for this purpose. This site includes links to information from the CDC and other agencies/organizations that you might find helpful, including some information about talking to your children about this.

<https://www.lexington1.net/COVID-19>

We also cannot remind you enough how important it is to keep your children at home when they run any fever higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit before you give them Tylenol, Motrin or other appropriate fever-reducing medication. Once your child's fever breaks and your child no longer has a fever (without Tylenol or another product in his/her system), please keep your child home for another 24 hours.

Please use commonsense, everyday actions to protect yourself and your families from any type of respiratory virus such as remembering to:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- stay home when sick.
- cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and put it in the trash immediately.
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- avoid contact with sick people.
- get a flu shot.

Please consult your physician if you have any concerns regarding your child's or your situation. Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff healthy.

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