



GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"Every Child's Success is Our Mission"

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Jordana B. Harper, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Students, Families and Staff,

We are writing to inform you of our efforts to engage in pro-active planning and to reduce the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools and community.

Luckily, our area continues to be "low risk" for infection by the coronavirus, and there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Greenfield at this time. In our efforts to be prepared and keep our students and staff healthy, Greenfield Public Schools has partnered with the local Board of Health, in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Department of Public Health and Center for Disease Control to bring you information on infection prevention in our schools.

Much of the guidance for the coronavirus is similar to cold and flu prevention strategies. You can help keep yourself and your family safe by following these guidelines:

1. Call a medical provider for a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.
2. A person with symptoms needs to stay home and not return to school unless the individual has been fever free (without fever-reducing medicine) for 24 hours.
3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
4. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
5. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with hands.

In addition, our custodial staff are engaged in regular cleaning and disinfecting of hard surfaces, frequently touched surfaces, bathrooms and health rooms with EPA approved disinfectant and soap and water for removal of microorganisms. In consultation with the Board of Health, the Greenfield Public Schools are also reviewing proper handwashing and basic health precautions with all students and staff, as well as holding demonstrations for students.

We have enclosed some additional resources that you may find useful, also available on our website: <https://www.gpsk12.org/gps-central/administration/mass-dept-public-health-dph-guidance-corona-virus> There is a short video regarding handwashing that many families have found useful.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Four handwritten signatures in blue ink are arranged horizontally. From left to right: Jordana Harper, Pam Owen, Valerie Bird, and Roxann Wedegartener.

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Superintendent of Schools

Pam Owen
Lead Nurse

Valerie Bird
Board of Health

Roxann Wedegartener
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Please see resources provided for additional information:

From the Greenfield Board of Health:

https://www.gpsk12.org/sites/default/files/health/coronavirus_022720/BdofHealth_Coronaviruss_tatement022720.pdf

From the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

https://www.gpsk12.org/sites/default/files/health/coronavirus_022720/COVID-19-NovelCoronavirus_for%20schools_022420_EHS-EOEApproved.pdf

https://www.gpsk12.org/sites/default/files/health/coronavirus_022720/factsheetcorona.pdf

From the Centers For Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

Proper Hand Washing Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T98gqC-yanU>