

March 9, 2020

Dear Lake Stevens School District families,

We are reaching out to you with several important updates. We will begin providing daily updates to you—even if there are no significant changes. This information is also on the district website for your reference.

- As of today, we have no known confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our staff members or students.
- **Events and field trips are cancelled from now until April 5, 2020:** We are following the [guidance of the Snohomish Health District to implement social distancing strategies](#). Social distancing is a step taken to stop or slow down the spread of a highly contagious virus or disease. This includes the cancellation or postponement of non-essential, large public gatherings that take place outside of the school day, and include participants other than students.

**Large school events and activities taking place outside of the school day, including field trips to offsite locations, from Tuesday, March 10 to Sunday, April 5 are cancelled.** After-school activities such as clubs and practices are considered an extension of the school day, and may continue.

We know how impactful this is, and have made this decision to protect the health and well-being of our students and staff members. When possible, events will be rescheduled later this spring. You will receive information about specific events from your child's school.

**At this time, there are no changes to our school schedules. [The Health District is not recommending that schools close](#) unless there is a confirmed case of COVID-19.**

- **Kindergarten Parent Information Night will not be held on March 19.** [Enrollment packets will still be accepted in our elementary schools beginning Tuesday, March 24.](#)
- **Change to fever/illness guidelines:** A temperature, taken orally, that is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher is considered a fever. Children and adults should be fever-free without fever-reducing medication for at least 72 hours before returning to school/work, or seven days after the illness began—whichever is longer. This change in practice was issued by the Health District.

[Here is the Snohomish Health District's General Guidance for Isolation/Quarantine.](#)

- **Visiting or volunteering in our schools:** Please do not visit our schools if you are ill—no matter the symptoms.

We know that this is an uncertain time, which can be very unnerving. We thank you for your partnership and understanding as we make these important decisions in order to keep our students and staff members safe.

Warm regards,



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Superintendent