

Health Update 3/3/2020

Stanwood-Camano School

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Good Evening Parents, Guardians, Families, and Staff,

District administrators have contacted all schools to monitor student and staff absences. As of 3:30 today, no students or staff members have reported suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The district is monitoring the Department of Health (DOH) website multiple times each day for updates and will strictly comply with DOH guidelines. As of 4:00 p.m. today, the DOH is not recommending closure of any Stanwood-Camano School District schools.

In the event we have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 by a student or staff member who attended school prior to being confirmed as a COVID-19 case, the district will follow these DOH recommended protocols:

- The district will immediately contact the DOH
- Because schools are not expected to make decisions about dismissal or canceling events on their own, we will seek specific guidance from local health officials to determine if, when, and for how long the school will close. Please note:
 - The DOH may or may not recommend temporary school closure
 - The DOH will help the district determine if, when and how long schools/programs may need to be dismissed
- The district will contact staff members and families to communicate next steps

The district expects that families and staff members will notify the district immediately if a student, staff member or volunteer who has been in the school has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

The current directions from the DOH and Center for Disease Control (CDC) continue to emphasize the following steps to avoid the transmission of germs:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects;
- Stay home when sick except to get medical care; and

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds (sing Happy Birthday twice)

Additional information is available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

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