

Stanwood-Camano School District
COVID 19 Communication
3.5.20

The district continues to monitor the COVID-19 status daily. The school has received no contact from the health districts notifying us of confirmed or suspected cases of COVID 19 in the Stanwood-Camano School District. We will continue to follow the directions of our county health districts as the safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority.

The District participated in a teleconference with the Snohomish County Health District today and received the following guidance.

After School/Extra-curricular Activities

As of today, the health district is recommending that people avoid non-essential gatherings in large groups to the extent possible.

They loosely define “large groups” as meetings, events or spaces with 50 or more people. The larger the group, the higher the risk. The closer the contact to others, the higher the risk.

Schools need to balance the risks to students and staff and to the community against the benefit of or need to gather.

According to the DOH, this is a good time for districts to consider postponing events if possible.

For this reason, the district is cancelling all district extra-curricular performances, evening events, field trips and athletic competitions until further notice. Athletic and co-curricular practices and club meetings will continue as scheduled.

Additionally, the district will restrict the use of district facilities to all outside agencies until further notice.

School Closures

The Snohomish County Health District stated the following, “We will continue to work with school leaders to determine the best measures, including potential school closures, and to support school officials in making the best decisions for their students and families.”

Closing schools when there has not been a confirmed case in a student or staff member is not currently recommended by the Snohomish Health District or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Decisions on closing schools are being made on a case-by-case basis and there is no instruction for more widespread closures at this time.

Because there are no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in our district, the Snohomish County Health District is not recommending closure of our schools at this time. If

that recommendation changes, and targeted or widespread school closures is recommended, we will let you know quickly.

The district will continue to update status regarding school closures and extra-curricular activities.

Additional FAQ:

Should I keep my child home from school?

If your child is showing symptoms of illness, keep them home from school or child care. Call your healthcare provider for specific questions or concerns about your child's symptoms and care. Call ahead before going into a clinic or other healthcare facility.

As always, the choice of whether to send your child to school remains a family decision.