



Dear Zumbro Education District Families and Staff,

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Zumbro Education District (ZED) is continuing to monitor the situation regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) as it continues to evolve. We will continue to update staff and families through our normal communication channels and will provide updates on our website. ZED is working collaboratively with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Olmsted County Public Health Services (OCPHS) in following their recommendations regarding the situation.

Currently ZED is employing its current cleaning protocols but have recently increased the frequency and intensity in high use areas. The disinfectants that we use are effective against many viruses (including coronavirus) and are approved by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC). ZED is also reviewing and updating its emergency action plans to help prevent the spread of illness should an outbreak happen.

ZED is taking steps for contingency planning should extended school closures become necessary and working with staff/administration on potential academic plan preparedness. For those wanting breakfast and lunch during a potential school closure, please refer to your resident district school website in your local community on how that will be provided.

The most significant action steps that you can take at this time to help protect yourself, your children, your family and others are:

- wash your hands (recommendation is for 20 seconds long or sing Happy Birthday twice)
- cover your cough with your elbow
- keep students home from school and activities when they are sick
- update ZED of any new emergency contact information

Please be assured the district will be following recommendations from MDH and MDE on future developments. In the event that we have any action plan changes or school closures, we will notify you through our normal communication channels (phone, text, email, social media, websites, and television stations). Don't hesitate to call our office at 507-775-2037 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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