

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Good evening,

The following is a message from the Wyomissing Area School District. Today Governor Tom Wolf and the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine outlined guidance for COVID-19 mitigation. In an effort to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus we are proactively taking measures to protect our students and families by closing all schools tomorrow, Friday, March 13 so that we can perform a deep cleaning of all our buildings and facilities.

The safety and security of our students, staff and the community are our top priorities. The Wyomissing Area School District (WYOAREA) does not have a confirmed case of the Coronavirus in our schools.

Additionally, there will be no school for students in the Wyomissing Area School District Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18. This will provide our teaching staff with the opportunity to develop appropriate grade-level learning experiences and activities for our students in the event that we need to close school beyond Wednesday.

During this time, ALL school activities are canceled, including all transportation, athletic competitions/practices, use of district facilities by community groups, and extracurricular activities.

WYOAREA encourages students, staff, and faculty to follow CDC recommendations to prevent any infection of a respiratory virus or flu which include:

- · Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- · Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- · Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- · Staying home when sick.
- · Coughing or sneezing into an elbow or use a tissue and placing immediately in the trash.
- · Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please know that we are receiving our guidance from Governor Tom Wolf's Office, the Secretary of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Berks County Department of Emergency Services and will continue to share all updates with our staff, families and the community through district communication channels, including our website.

We expect to receive guidance and increased flexibility from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the completion of required school days for the 2019-2020 school year. Additional updates will follow next week as we receive more information.

<u>Please visit this link on our website for the most up-to-date information and parent resources.</u>

Thank you for your continued support as we work through this complex and ever-evolving situation.

Sincerely,

Robert Scoboria

Superintendent of Schools