

Dear Euclid Schools staff and teachers,

This letter is an update to our previous message regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Euclid City School District continues to monitor the situation closely and take direction from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

As you likely heard, Ohio reported this week that the state's first three positive cases are located in Cuyahoga County. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is reporting that 12 northeast Ohio residents are in self-quarantine.

At this current time, Euclid City Schools does not have any confirmed COVID-19 cases. If we experience a COVID-19 case, we will follow the recommendations from public health and government officials to take immediate and appropriate steps for the safety of our students, staff members, and families.

According to healthcare professionals, there are steps that we can all take to prevent the spread of COVID-19, influenza, and other illnesses:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds several times daily
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve or elbow
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick. Students should not return to school until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- If you need to visit a doctor or other healthcare professionals, please contact them by phone so they can take adequate measures

Parents/guardians, please report ALL student illnesses to your child's building's attendance office if your child has a confirmed case of a respiratory illness such as the flu, RSV, whooping cough, or any situation that may have resulted in exposure to COVID-19. Any students that come into contact with the COVID-19 may be required to stay home for an extended period of time. They will not be marked truant.

The District has taken measures to heighten daily cleaning regimens in the classroom and common areas districtwide as a preventive measure. The teaching staff has been provided with additional cleaning supplies to use during the school day. Additionally, we will continue with building disinfecting over Spring Break despite not having students at school.

At this time, following Gov. DeWine's recommendation, the Euclid Schools will be in session on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13. However, the Euclid Schools has made the decision to extend Spring Break by one day for students. Spring Break will begin as scheduled on Monday, March 16 and now continue through Monday, March 23.

On Monday, March 23, all staff will report to work, as usual, to review health safety protocols and to prepare at-home learning options for students in the event that schools need to be closed for an extended period of time. Once again, the March 23 staff workday is simply to allow staff to review our contingency learning plans and health procedures before students return.

The current plan is as follows:

- School is in session on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13
- Students will be on Spring Break from Monday, March 16 through Monday, March 23
- Students return to school after Spring Break on Tuesday, March 24

Please understand that changes and cancellations to school or school events may happen at any time as we continue to receive more information from our state and health officials.

You can find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 on these sites:

- [CDC: 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) Situation Summary](#)
- [Ohio Dept. of Health: COVID-19](#)
- [Cuyahoga County Board of Health: CCBH](#)
- If traveling over Spring Break [CDC recommendations for travel](#)

Talking to Kids about the Coronavirus:

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>

The health and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority and concern at Euclid Schools. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we continue to monitor this situation.

Sincerely,

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