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COVID-19 School Guidance Letter

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All of our schools are interconnected through siblings, transportation, etc., and we must attempt to protect all of the more than 37,000 families we serve. To support our students, families and employees, the district is implementing best practices to limit future community spread opportunities.

Caddo is continuing to monitor the spread of COVID-19 domestically and internationally. The district has taken the following proactive measures out of an abundance of caution.

1. All school and district sponsored travel starting Monday, March 16th will be canceled or postponed until further notice. The district is urging schools to review available refund or credit options to reschedule trips for a later date.
2. The district is encouraging all departments and schools to **not** plan any future travel until further notice.
3. All district and school events will be canceled or postponed until further notice. This includes after school events or programs during the day where the public would be invited to attend. Extended day programs, after school tutoring, and on-campus extra-curricular practices will continue as planned. All high school athletic events will continue as planned pending further LHSAA guidance.
4. No volunteers will be permitted at schools until further notice.
5. The district is encouraging teachers and administrators to limit activities outside the classroom.
6. The district is encouraging departments and schools to transition professional development and other face-to-face meetings that would take place between multiple sites to online webinar formats to limit contact between teams.
7. We understand that families will need to make choices that are in their best interest. If parents/guardians request to not send students to school, please follow district policy *JE - STUDENT ATTENDANCE* for direction.
8. The district will follow policy *JHCC – Communicable Diseases* for procedures in regard to the return of students to school who have been absent due to COVID-19.
9. For individuals who are reporting possible COVID-19 illnesses or contacts with potential infected individuals, please email concerns to your immediate supervisor.

The district is in constant communication with the Louisiana Department of Health, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, as well as other area school districts to ensure all precautionary measures are being taken. With Spring Break approaching, the district urges families and staff to exercise their best judgement for personal travel and review travel guidance from the CDC.

For additional information or resources please visit the district's coronavirus information page www.caddoschools.org/coronavirus/.

Louisiana COVID19 General Information Hotline:
1-855-523-2652 Available: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday