



PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

March 9, 2020

The following information is based on information available at this time.

Dear PENNCREST Families:

Student health and safety is one of our top priorities. As a follow-up to our March 1, 2020 correspondence and due to the recently elevated media discussions regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we would like to reinforce preventive measures to minimize any potential spread.

The District has created a [Coronavirus webpage](https://www.penncrest.org/departments/health-services/coronavirus-resources) for families to access reliable and vetted resources related to COVID-19. <https://www.penncrest.org/departments/health-services/coronavirus-resources>. Please be aware of the potential for cyber scams or other cons related to the fear of widespread COVID-19. All official district communications will occur via this website and our School Messenger system. It is imperative that you ensure student emergency contact information is current and correct.

We are respectfully requesting that all families know, practice and reinforce the following:

1. Do not send your child to school if he or she has a fever. A fever can indicate that your child may be battling an illness that could be contagious to others.
2. Remind your child that good hand washing techniques will protect them from spreading and picking up the germs of others.
3. Remind your child to cough and sneeze into a disposable tissue or a bent elbow, rather than into his or her hands.
4. Please keep your school nurse informed of any contagious illness that your child experiences so that we can monitor classrooms and school trends.

At this time, the District has not internally decided to cancel any athletic trips or competitions, field trips or other student travel for curricular or co-curricular activities. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and will seek guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Health, Emergency Management, as well as the corresponding Crawford County Departments.

If you have any questions, please visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov> or contact the PA Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258). Thank you for your attention to this important communication.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Superintendent