

March 12, 2020

Dear SAU 9 Families and Community Members:

This letter is to update you on the COVID-19 situation and the impact on the greater school community. The district administration, school nurses, and others have been working in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Education (DOE) as well as following Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations. District administration has also met with local health and emergency management services and will continue to do so on a regular basis. District administration has been meeting with the school nurses on a weekly basis and will continue to do so for the near future.

Within the schools, there are regular cleaning and disinfecting procedures in place with attention to commonly touched surfaces such as tables, sinks, bathrooms, and countertops. We encourage students with illness to stay home. If family or community members are ill, we ask that they do not enter school buildings or attend school community events.

Following guidance from the DOE, DHHS, and CDC, SAU 9 is postponing any field trip outside the State of New Hampshire at this time. Due to heightened concern about community based transmission of the COVID-19 virus, the scheduling of future field trips is on hold. As conditions change we will evaluate the current situation and communicate accordingly.

The SAU 9 staff is optimistic that our schools will be able to remain open, but our district administrators and emergency teams have been working for the last two weeks to prepare for the possibility of remote learning plans. Our staff has been and will continue to work on remote instruction plans for our students. SAU 9 has an early release scheduled for Thursday, March 19th. During this time educators will be working to plan for the possibility of remote instruction. Additionally, we are in communication with food service providers regarding plans to continue to provide meals for students in the event can't access the buildings.

If you are looking for the updated information on COVID-19, please refer to these trusted sites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>

<http://www.211nh.org/>

Thank you for your continued support to help navigate through this situation.

Sincerely,



Kevin Richard

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