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Dear City of St. Charles School District families,

There are several questions that we all have regarding the ever changing COVID-19 pandemic. Please know that we are working diligently to make the best decisions we can, using the information available to us, to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff and community. There are many unknowns when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information and guidance related to the spread of coronavirus continues to rapidly change. There are also various states of emergencies being announced.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make difficult decisions amidst these unusual and evolving circumstances. We wanted to provide another update to you as Spring Break is a week away. In addition to having a team of administrators monitoring this situation and working with our local and state health agency partners, our custodians and maintenance staff are continuing to take extra steps to clean and disinfect our schools.

Activities/Events

In this ever changing situation, we will do our best to continue to communicate with you. For next week, we will continue to have after school activities/events as allowed under the Health Department and state guidelines. This being said, if anyone is not feeling well or has a compromised health condition, please stay home. As this is a fluid situation, we will update the community if there are any changes to this plan.

If Schools Need to Close

If we need to make the decision to close schools due to COVID-19, we are working to provide instructional practice/support for students at home. Some of this will be based on-line and some of this will be instruction on paper. This learning is to help ensure that students do not regress on essential learning, in case we are closed for a period of time. More information about this instructional support plan will be provided next week.

We are working closely with the St. Charles County Health Department and they have not advised the closing of any county schools at this time. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in St. Charles, they will guide us on what actions need to be taken and determine if a school(s) or the District should be closed. Should such a situation arise, the District will communicate such directives immediately with the community.

COVID-19 Hotlines

Both the State of Missouri and St. Charles County have established hotlines to manage calls about coronavirus.

- Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 or if they are experiencing symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath and chest pain) should call the St. Charles County Department of Public Health hotline at 636.949.7319.
- If you are needing basic information about the coronavirus, contact the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at 877.435.8411. This hotline is being operated by medical professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We will send another update later next week as we will be preparing to go on Spring Break. Information on preparing for Spring Break, cleaning of schools, and any updates regarding further activities/events will be included. Again, the health and safety of our students and staff is always a top priority and I want to assure you that we are making the best decisions we can with the rapidly changing information we are given.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jason Sefrit
Superintendent of Schools