



Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear District 301 Families and Staff,

With the number of COVID-19 cases across the state and region increasing, the Kane County school district superintendents have determined that we will take proactive measures to help reduce the spread of illness throughout our community.

Aside from our planned emergency closing on Monday, we are not closing all schools at this time. Instead, Kane County school districts are implementing some additional steps to prevent the spread of illness.

Governor Pritzker has requested that we limit community gatherings to no more than 250 people. Therefore, effective tomorrow, the following has been decided for Central District 301:

- Any large gatherings/school events hosted by Central 301 will be limited to 250 participants. Events that have an expected attendance over 250 people will be canceled.
- Athletic practices and competitions will continue as scheduled. However, these events will take place without spectators. The IHSA will continue to provide guidance as to events and activities for spring sports and other IHSA sanctioned activities.
- All scheduled trips (field trips or community-based trips), travel, and events are being evaluated individually. School administrators or trip sponsors will communicate decisions to their respective participants as they are made.

As a reminder, all after school activities for today have already been canceled.

If we did have a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Central School District 301, we would close that school for a minimum of 48 hours. At that point, the Kane County Health Department would help us assess the situation, evaluate potential exposure risks, review our cleaning and disinfection procedures, and provide additional guidance to reduce the exposure to our students. The District will also use this time to assess the next steps regarding the reopening of a school or a decision to extend the closing to other buildings or for a longer period of time. Outside of this specific circumstance, we will remain open and continue with our current cleaning and disinfection practices as directed by the Center for Disease Control unless we are directed to close.

We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available. We ask for your patience as this situation, and the recommendations being made, are changing rapidly. Please know that we remain committed to making decisions that are in the best interest of our students, staff, and community.