

Dear students and families,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has asked Americans to prepare for the potential effects coronavirus (COVID-19) may have in communities around the country.

Roseburg Public Schools would like to assure you that we have been monitoring this situation and are preparing for the possibility that the illness may affect our community.

Our top priority is keeping students safe and healthy so that they can continue to come to school and learn. We are working closely with health authorities to remain up to date on the latest information being released about coronavirus and its potential health consequences. In coordination with multiple community partners, we are also developing plans to address any situation involving a widespread illness.

As with other illnesses such as the cold and flu, it is important that we all work together to keep our students, staff and families healthy. There are basic steps that staff, students and families should be taking to protect themselves, such as hand-washing, remaining home when sick and following other preventive measures as outlined by the CDC at www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/prevention.htm.

We realize the decision to keep a child home due to illness can be challenging to make. The Oregon Department of Education provides guidelines families can follow. Please see the attached guidelines for more information. We have also included a flyer that highlights basic information about viral illnesses and prevention. The Oregon Health Authority is also providing information about coronavirus at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus and https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

By working together as a community, we can help minimize the impacts of coronavirus, the flu and other illnesses. Thank you for your help in keeping our schools safe and productive learning environments.