



ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

March 9, 2020

Dear Argyle CSD Parents and Guardians:

As we continue to learn more, and have more facts, about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we will continue to update you with this information.

While the district does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19, we are very aware of the concerns related to the spread of this virus, and are committed to providing updated and accurate information to our school community.

As you may be aware, Washington County Public Health is currently monitoring three Washington County residents who have reported close contact with a subject testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. Listed below is link to the public safety notice from Washington County:

<https://www.washingtoncountyny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=868>

It is important to note that:

- To date, no Argyle student, parent/guardian, or employee has been diagnosed with, or is exhibiting any symptoms of the virus; and
- The district has received guidance, and implemented, appropriate protocols to best protect the safety and health of our students, parents, employees, and community members.

On March 2, 2020, the district sent home a letter that discussed infectious disease protocols, the steps the district was taking to minimize the spread of viruses, and other information related to this issue. However, as a reminder, according to the NYS Department of Health, there are a number of steps that students, staff, and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The district remains in communication with our local health departments and will be notified if there is a suspected or if a known case of COVID-19 emerges. If the district becomes aware that a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will immediately provide notification.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Healey', written over the printed name.

Michael Healey
Superintendent of Schools