



## MELVINDALE-NORTHERN ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today is a day we all hoped would not get here but knew was inevitable. Two (2) confirmed cases of the COVID 19 virus were announced late last evening by Governor Whitmer. The Governor has declared a state of emergency. People should:

- Wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Practice not touching their face with unwashed hands
- Practice elbow bumps instead of handshakes
- Cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or upper sleeve (vampire cough)
- Stay home if they are sick and contact your health provider

In the past few weeks during off hours, Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools has been using available resources to disinfect common surfaces (desktops, door handles, locker doors, and bathrooms). Additional custodial staff and hours have been used to wipe down and disinfect surfaces to minimize exposure to students and staff.

Of the five preventive measures listed above, the first four can be observed and reinforced. The challenge for all of us is evaluating a person who has symptoms of an illness and then determining whether that illness poses a danger to others. From the very first day of school until the end of school in June, parents, office staff, paraprofessionals, and teachers evaluate themselves and our students for skin conditions, sniffles, fevers, and coughs. With the Governor declaring a state of emergency due to the speed at which this virus can spread, the Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools is asking you to be especially diligent to keep your child (children) exhibiting any symptoms of a fever, a cough, or shortness of breath home until you can contact your health provider. Office staff will isolate any student(s) identified with these symptoms and will ask that the child be picked up from school and taken home for their wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

I thank you for your support of our school district, especially at this time of great concern. We need to be strong in getting through this crisis and can be stronger by working together. As the Governor's Educational COVID 19 Taskforce provides us with more information, we will forward essential materials and information on to you.

Sincerely,

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