



## **NOVEL CORONAVIRUS – UPDATE MARCH 11, 2020**

### **Frequently Asked Questions – TPS Families and Community**

The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to make headlines. We want to keep our families updated on the district’s decisions that are designed to keep our students and staff members healthy and safe – the number one priority of the district. Be assured that we continue to monitor updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Education and will continue to provide timely updates at [www.tps.org](http://www.tps.org).

#### **What are the signs of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)?**

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department has provided the following documents on the topic. Just click on the links to learn more: [COVID19 Fact Sheet](#); [Coronavirus Preparedness Fact Sheet](#); [Promote Everyday Prevention Actions](#) And here is one about travel from the CDC: [Travel Information](#)

#### **What preventative measures is the district taking about coronavirus?**

Toledo Public Schools has implemented a daily, mandatory disinfecting of all ‘high touch’ areas and surfaces with disinfectants that are approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Please do NOT send in your own disinfectants in case they have not been approved by the CDC.

#### **Will Toledo Public Schools close a school (or schools)?**

The district will follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Education. A decision to close any or all of our schools will not be made lightly because we know that such closures would be very disruptive to our families and to the city of Toledo. Updates will be shared through all calls, at [www.tps.org](http://www.tps.org) and the district’s social media platforms. **Parents and guardians, please make sure your contact information is updated at your child’s school.**

#### **What will school administrators do if they determine a student is sick?**

As usual, if it is determined a student is too ill to be at school, a parent or guardian will be contacted to come and pick up the student. If someone cannot be reached, the student will be isolated from other students until a parent or guardian arrives.

**What about students who rely on the free breakfast and lunch that they receive each school day?** The district is currently in discussions with community partners exploring options on how to get meals to our students if schools are closed; we will provide additional information as we determine the best way to address this issue.

**Can I send my student to school with a mask?**

The CDC has determined that face masks are not a protective measure and are meant to be used only by those who are ill or experiencing symptoms. Please do not send your children to school wearing a mask. If your child comes to school wearing a mask, we will assume they are ill and contact you to retrieve your child immediately.

**What if my student has a chronic health condition?**

The district recognizes the unique medical situations of many of our most vulnerable students. Your child's health and safety is our highest priority. If your child is immuno-compromised, considered medically fragile or has any other severe chronic illness, we urge you to contact your child's primary care provider for recommendations on school attendance during the COVID-19 outbreak. Please communicate with your child's school with written documentation regarding your child's absence. The schools will work with families to ensure the educational process, including IEP goals, will continue to the best of your child's ability.

**Will my field trip be cancelled?**

Toledo Public Schools will be closely reviewing field trips on a case-by-case basis and will provide an update on their status as soon as possible.

**What about athletic and non-related school events?**

Toledo Public Schools will be following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. If a school/schools are closed because of the coronavirus, all events will be cancelled. Updates will be shared with students and families through all calls, at [www.tps.org](http://www.tps.org) and on the district's social media platforms. **Parents and guardians, please make sure your child's school has a current phone number for you on file.**

**Ohio High School Athletic Association – RELEASED TUESDAY  
Sports Regional Boys Basketball Tournament**

Following Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's announcement on Tuesday afternoon that all indoor sporting events in Ohio should severely limit spectators to reduce the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced additional details for its upcoming tournaments in wrestling, ice hockey and basketball. Beginning Wednesday, student-athletes on the participating school tournament roster (players and cheerleaders) can designate four family members to purchase a ticket for the game. Coaches for that team can each designate two family members to purchase tickets. School administrators and bus drivers will receive one free ticket for themselves and another for a guest. Each regional site will work with the participating schools regarding team lists and the ticket sales process, which will be cash only at entry.