



FARWELL AREA SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) UPDATE

Dear FAS Family,

This is an update from the Farwell Area Schools regarding the COVID-19 virus. Be assured that we will continue to communicate as is needed! It appears that information regarding COVID – 19 and the virus-spread changes daily and, therefore, our responses and actions will need to be timely, agile, and adaptive.

We would like to inform you that the Farwell Area Schools are utilizing the most credible resources regarding COVID-19 and recommended actions:

Center for Disease Control link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

Michigan.gov coronavirus link: : <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>

FAS increased our cleaning of surfaces and buses beginning the week of March 9, 2020. We will continue to follow the health official's recommendations to combat the potential spread of COVID-19.

In light of the World Health Organization declaration last night of COVID-19 status as a global pandemic, the President of the United States recommendations, and the Governor of Michigan announcing confirmed cases in Michigan, we want to share with you our current plans for keeping students and staff healthy while we continue to support learning.

FAS will enact the following measures as of 3-12-2020 and until further notice:

- All student awards ceremonies, award programs, and assemblies where large groups are involved will be suspended at this time.
- All District-sponsored student and staff travel will be temporarily suspended.
- All FAS facilities are closed for scheduled community meetings, rental and gatherings.

I am asking our families to prepare for the possible scenario that the Farwell Area Schools may need to close for an extended period of time.

The Governor has declared a State of Emergency, and we are taking COVID-19 very seriously. Our goal is to prevent illness from COVID-19 locally. Only through your help will we be able to prevent or minimize the impact of this virus.

As promised, we will continue to work closely with the health officials and continue to keep the FAS lines of communications open to our stakeholders regarding COVID-19 virus and the actions that we are taking. Since information regarding the COVID-19 virus is a rapidly-evolving health event, we will communicate as often as we have new and relevant information to share with you.

Thank you for working with us to keep all FAS family members healthy and protect our students' learning.

Rise Above,

Steve Scoville
FAS Superintendent