



DIVISION OF State Schools

Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent

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Dear State Schools Families,

The Georgia Department of Education, State Schools Division is aware of the statements made by the CDC Tuesday regarding the potential threat of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. As we are updated by the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH), we will continue to follow the lead of local, state, and federal agencies. The GDPH has provided us with [information via this link](#) for you.

Please be aware that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is asking school officials, as well as childcare centers and workplaces, to prepare for a possible outbreak. At this time, there are no confirmed cases at any of the State Schools locations. The State Schools Division is working closely with local and state health officials in the event cases progress to our region. Additionally, in response to the CDC's public comments that were recently shared in the media, we wanted to provide information about our coronavirus (COVID-19) planning.

- We are reinforcing the importance of healthy hygiene with our students and employees
- Should a confirmed case occur, we will immediately inform our school community
- State Schools has a plan to address a potential pandemic, including a Continuity of Learning component

Currently, we are reviewing our existing pandemic plan and making the necessary revisions to respond to COVID-19 scenarios. The plan is fluid and sections will be updated as new information becomes available. State Schools' response plan addresses the specific activities necessary to keep schools open and operating while providing a clean and safe environment during an outbreak and the essential functions that must be performed by State Schools, if schools are closed. While the full impact of an outbreak cannot be predicted, planning for operations under such conditions can lessen the impact of the event on our students, staff, facilities and mission. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

As a reminder, common cold and flu viruses are not unusual during the winter season. Precautions are recommended and we ask that everyone do their part to stay healthy: wash hands frequently, monitor your health, and stay home when ill.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenney Moore
State Schools Director