



March 13, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, we have been monitoring the rapidly changing 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The health, safety and well-being of our students is our priority. We remain in close contact with public health and education officials (KDHE, KSDE, Saline County Health Department) and comply with all of their guidance. We will notify you immediately if this guidance changes.

The guidance we received today involves limiting the size of groups. Large events, involving more than 100 individuals, are cancelled through April 1. Your school principal will inform you how this applies to specific situations in your child's building. We will be evaluating events in April and May as more information becomes available. If you have questions, contact your school directly.

Additionally, our schools are analyzing school day schedules so that they support smaller groups of students. For instance, arrival and dismissal practices will be changed and lunches will be adjusted. School principals will share the specific changes with you.

We will remain vigilant and ask that you do the same. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. We encourage you to stay informed by turning to credible sources such as [Kansas Department of Health and Environment \(KDHE\)](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).

In the meantime, our focus continues to be on prevention and preparation. We are increasing the frequency of student hand washing. We have adjusted custodial schedules to provide additional cleaning support when students are in the buildings. Our nurses will continue to serve as a resource for staff, students, and parents.

Let's continue to work together to teach and model good hygiene practices:

- WASH hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- AVOID touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- AVOID contact with people who are sick.
- STAY home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- COVER your mouth-nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

Salina Public Schools will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. If you have questions about these topics, please contact your school principal. If patrons ask questions of you, please send them to our website [@USD305.com](#). We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Linn Exline