



## **SPRINGBORO SCHOOLS**

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March 11, 2020

To our Springboro Families:

Springboro Schools is committed to protecting the health and safety of our community. The steps we are taking in response to COVID-19, as a district, are guided by the recommendations from the medical experts of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, the Warren County Health District, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These steps are in the best interest of the students, parents, and staff of Springboro Schools, as well as our surrounding community.

As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will post updates on our district COVID-19 Resources webpage - <http://www.springboro.org/COVID-19Resources.aspx>.

Currently, there are no plans at this time to close Springboro Schools. Governor Mike DeWine, per the Ohio Department of Health, is recommending to avoid large, indoor public gatherings as a way to promote social-distancing and minimize exposure during this time. Therefore, please make note of the following updates:

- Springboro Schools is **NOT** closing, at this time.
- Spring Athletic practices/games are **NOT** cancelled, however we are continually working with the OHSAA, as this situation develops.
- All academic field trips **ARE CANCELLED** until further notice. School buildings will communicate specific details to parents, based on the individual field trip.
- Friday, March 13 is a previously-scheduled Teacher In-Service Day (No School). Wednesday, March 18 is a previously-scheduled Early Release for a Teacher In-Service. These will continue, as scheduled and are not a result of COVID-19. However, time during these days will be utilized by staff to work towards steps needed to be taken, involving remote learning, in the event it is deemed necessary to close Springboro Schools.
- The Hometown EXPO (“That Spring Thing”), currently scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at Springboro High School, will be **RESCHEDULED** for Saturday, May 2.
- STEMfest, currently scheduled for March 23 at Springboro High School, will be **RESCHEDULED** for Monday, May 4.

To the district’s knowledge, there are no COVID-19 cases connected to Springboro Schools or Warren County; however, the district is remaining vigilant. Our responsibility to the larger issue of public health require us to be proactive, rather than reactive, in making decisions that affect the well-being of our students, parents, staff, and surrounding community.

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We will continue to send district-wide communications when there are major changes in the situation. On our webpage, you can find previous district messages to students, parents, and staff. The situation surrounding COVID-19 nationally and globally is rapidly evolving, so we encourage you to check our webpage, as well as the websites for the [CDC website \(https://www.cdc.gov/\)](https://www.cdc.gov/) or the [Ohio Department of Health website \(https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home\)](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home) for updates.

The district has already set up a cleaning schedule for each school building, which allows maintenance staff to thoroughly disinfect each classroom, in all six (6) school buildings, using electrostatic sprayers at least once a week. Applying this disinfectant schedule serves as a preventative measure to illnesses. In addition, Springboro Schools has begun to disinfect all school bus vehicles once a week, as the disinfectant maintains about a seven (7) day life cycle. We have also secured 6-8 months inventory on disinfectant, should there be any supply limitations, as a result of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is both an airborne and surface illness, meaning the virus can be spread both through the air and from coming into contact with surfaces that may carry the virus. **As announced by the Ohio Dept. of Health on March 11, COVID-19 is also "community spread."** It is important to remember that the best way to prevent the spread of any respiratory illness is to follow routine hygiene etiquette:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds. If not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or a tissue.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Due to the recent occurrences of COVID-19 transmission across several countries and numerous states in America, the Ohio Department of Health, in coordination with the CDC, recommends the following:

- If you have recently traveled from a country with a high incidence of COVID-19 (such as China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea) watch for any changes in your health for fourteen (14) days after leaving the country.
- If you develop a fever or symptoms of illness during this time, avoid contact with others and seek medical care right away (Before you go, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms).

For the most reliable information, please visit the [CDC website \(https://www.cdc.gov/\)](https://www.cdc.gov/) or the [Ohio Department of Health website \(https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home\)](https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home).

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If you're currently having symptoms and would like to talk with someone, please contact your health care provider. If you need a referral to a provider, please contact the Springboro Schools' District Nurse (<http://www.springboro.org/StudentHealth.aspx>). The District will continue to work with our partners to provide referrals to care during the school day, when needed.

## CDC Parent Guide:

English - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

Spanish - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet-sp.pdf>

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) 101 for Kids -

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>

## CDC Resources:

- [Centers for Disease Control Print Resources](#)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>
- [What do you need to know?](#)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>
- [What to do if you are sick?](#)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/sick-with-2019-nCoV-fact-sheet.pdf>
- [Proper Handwashing Demo](#)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-IW0s2yJA0&feature=youtu.be>
- [CDC Factsheets](#)
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

For questions not answered by this letter, please contact the Springboro Schools' Central Office at 937-748-3960 or contact your school building's main office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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