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The Parma City School District's top priority is the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff. The PCSD continues to closely monitor the continuing developments of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the coronavirus.

The PCSD will follow guidance and recommendations from the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in regard to COVID-19. If the PCSD was to experience a COVID-19 case, we will take our direction directly from these agencies. The PCSD still believes that there is no direct cause for alarm in regard to the health of students and staff at any PCSD building.

The PCSD continues to perform routine cleaning of our school facilities. As an added precaution, the PCSD is utilizing additional cleaning crews for more extensive efforts throughout the district. We are including a greater emphasis on frequently touched surfaces and areas, including classrooms, bathrooms, and cafeterias. In addition, the PCSD can quickly deploy special cleaning methods for buildings and areas, if needed. We are also working diligently to restock our supplies of cleaning materials as these are becoming difficult to purchase.

At this time, PCSD sponsored in-state and out-of-state field trips are still planned to go on as originally scheduled. If there are any updates regarding the status of these trips, individual school building administrations would inform parents. We will continue to follow the advisories and recommendations from state and local health agencies regarding all field trips.

The PCSD will continue to hold all public meetings, gatherings, and events scheduled in our buildings.

As this public health situation continues to evolve, the PCSD recognizes the possibility that extended building closures due to COVID-19 may be a possibility. The district is hopeful that we will not reach a point where buildings must be closed. However, we also encourage parents to begin making contingency plans in the event we have to close school for a prolonged amount of time. Further, we will excuse absences of students whose parents decide to keep them home as a precaution to avoid potential exposure.

To be as prepared as possible, over the course of two professional learning days, March 17 and March 20, the PCSD will set aside time for teaching staff to prepare lesson plans and assignments for students in the event of building closure. For elementary school students, this would include a version of a "Blizzard Bag". For our secondary students, curriculum would be designed to be completed remotely using student technology devices. We will communicate specific assignments, outlines of content, etc. by the end of the second day of any closure.

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Please join the PCSD in encouraging students to practice good health habits, at home and at school. These actions include:

- Avoid contact with people that are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol
- Choose a room in your home that can be used to separate sick household members

For more information about COVID-19, please click on the links below:

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary (CDC)
- About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CDC)
- Get Your Household Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CDC)
- COVID-19 Information (Ohio Department of Health)
- Coronavirus COVID-19 Information (Cuyahoga County Board of Health)

If more updates become available from any national or local agency, the PCSD will quickly communicate any relevant information to those in our school community.

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