



## VALLEY STREAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our neighboring school district, Valley Stream School District 30, has been informed that a spouse of a faculty member at Shaw Avenue Elementary School is on a 14-day self-isolation based on flu-like symptoms. The spouse tested negative for the flu and has been tested for the coronavirus and is awaiting results. District 30 is working closely with the Nassau County Department of Health. At this time, as there is no confirmed case of coronavirus, they have been encouraged by public health officials to monitor the situation and await results. They are maintaining their precautionary measures which includes increased building cleaning routines.

In Valley Stream School District 24, we are all concerned about the possible impact of the coronavirus and are doing everything possible with regard to precautionary measures, including expanded and more frequent cleaning routines. Valley Stream School District 24 has also been following the Nassau County Department of Health guidelines. I want to assure you that we are monitoring the situation and have plans in place to contain the situation should it escalate.

As mentioned in an earlier letter, students, staff and school visitors can take the following precautions if they have symptoms of the virus or know someone who has symptoms:

- Stay home, except to get medical care.
- Avoid using public transportation.
- Wear a facemask, only if you have symptoms.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and discard used tissues in a lined trash can.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces every day, including counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.
- Monitor symptoms and seek medical attention if they worsen. Parents of students or staff members exhibiting symptoms are asked to call the New York State Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065.

The district is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in Nassau County, and will continue to follow guidance from local, state and federal health officials. We are committed to providing our community with as much information as possible, as quickly as possible, once it becomes available. We will also continue to provide you with updates regarding the district’s plans as circumstances throughout the region evolve.

These are very challenging times and we are all understandably anxious and concerned. The most important things to do are to take the above precautions, stay informed with accurate information and try to remain calm. The health and safety of our students, staff and community are our foremost priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Don Sturz  
Superintendent of Schools

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