



# School City of Mishawaka

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Dear School Families,

At School City of Mishawaka (SCM), the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take a moment to reinforce our schools' preventive safety measures and to review our process for communicating with Mishawaka families. There is an abundance of information about the coronavirus available, and our hope is to help you navigate this by communicating with you through School Messenger, [MishawakaSchools.com](https://www.mishawaka.k12.in.us/), and school bulletins.

We are closely monitoring the situation and following guidance from the Indiana Department of Health, and the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/). Today the St. Joseph County Health Department reports no confirmed cases of coronavirus in our County and the local risk of infection is currently low.

## **Here are some other precautions we are taking in all Mishawaka Schools:**

- We are closely monitoring the health and attendance of our students and staff.
- Our custodial staff is working hard to keep surfaces used often in our schools and on our buses as clean as possible, and soap/hand sanitizer containers full.
- At this time, we are not canceling current or future activities, athletics, or field trips.
- We encourage our students, staff, and families to be mindful of key preventive measures as recommended by the CDC.

## **Here are some precautions for our SCM families:**

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Please remember that if children are sick ([How Sick is Too Sick?](#)), they should not be at school.

## **Here are some additional resources available from the CDC on COVID-19:**

- [Coronavirus Myths vs Facts](#)
- [Understanding the Coronavirus \(Video\)](#)

As this situation evolves, we will continue to provide you with updates and new information.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools