



ELKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents and Guardians,

As the concern regarding the Coronavirus intensifies I want to assure you that Elkins School District is studying and investigating all available information regarding this international outbreak. We have been and will continue to communicate with the Arkansas Department of Health to identify any student, staff, or family member of a student or staff member who may have returned within the last 14 days from countries with sustained community transmission of COVID-19. At present the affected countries are China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, and Japan. This personal information is permitted to be shared with ADH under the public emergency rule. At this point I am requesting any student, staff, or family member meeting the above travel criteria to contact your school principal immediately.

Travelers from affected countries are advised to stay at home and monitor for symptoms until 14 days have passed from their departure from that country while limiting interaction with others. Once 14 days have passed without any symptoms of illness, the Center for Disease Control recommends these travelers be allowed to return to school and other public activities. As spring break approaches, please take note that the ADH is likely to monitor travelers from the affected countries listed above as well as additional affected countries should this epidemic continue to spread. It is important to understand that there is a strong possibility that students and staff will not be allowed back to school until the mandatory 14 days have passed if your family travels to an affected country during spring break or any other time.

In the event of a community or regional outbreak it is possible that the CDC and/or ADH may require a long-term school closure. If this happens the district will continue with electronic school. Chromebooks will be distributed to every student K-12 in the district. Electronic lessons would be delivered via the internet. In the event that internet service is unavailable hard copy materials will be provided.

I want to assure you that student safety, health, and wellness is the top priority of Elkins School District. We have been and will continue to follow every recommendation from CDC and ADH regarding sanitizing, cleaning, and other prevention measures related to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Mangrum, Superintendent
Elkins School District

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