

March 10 Mooresville Schools Parent Notification

The following was sent out by school principals to families in each school building. The middle section of the message was tailored to each school's events. Please check your email or your child's Skyward account for the information specific to your school building:

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Due to community concerns regarding the Coronavirus COVID-19, we believe it is in the best interest of students and staff to limit non-educational contact from outside visitors into our schools. While we understand this will create an issue for some families, we hope that everyone will understand our ultimate goal is to limit the spread of germs. At this time, we have no confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 in Mooresville Schools. Beginning Wednesday, March 11, and until further notice, we will:

- **Restrict non-educational visitors during school hours. This includes activities such as parents visiting for lunch hours or other non-educational classroom visits.**
- **Hold parent conferences by phone.**
- ***TAILORED INFORMATION AS NEEDED PER BUILDING***
- **Other educational events and activities within our buildings as well as any student trips will be handled on a case-by-case basis.**

Please continue to watch our school website for updates. If you have questions, please visit the school's website [Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Information Webpage](#). We will remain in constant communication with local health officials. Thank you for your understanding and support of our schools.

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As with most decisions, there are a number of factors administrators must consider, including:

- Whether events can easily be postponed to a later date.
- Whether students and others involved in the event will be available later and whether there is a time to host an event in the busy months of April and May.
- Some events may be broadcast online because that option can take place without violating copyright laws.
- Other factors to consider include the amount of people who will be within an area, if there are outside entities involved that cannot reschedule, and the ability for students to receive a similar experience through alternative means.

A few articles with helpful information about the control of COVID-19 spread, "flattening the curve" of potential contamination and "social distancing" include:

[To close or not to close: As schools weigh tradeoffs in light of coronavirus, here's what research says](#) (Chalkbeat)

[How canceled events and self-quarantines save lives, in one chart](#) (Vox Media)

[The Incubation Period of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) From Publicly Reported Confirmed Cases: Estimation and Application](#) (American College of Physicians)

[Flatten the Curve](#) (graphic)

We appreciate the support we've received from our families and communities as we navigate this changing situation.

Mooresville Schools Administration