

IMPORTANT Message From The Superintendent

TO: Dobbs Ferry Parents/Guardians

FROM: Dr. Lisa Brady

RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

DATE: March 5, 2020

This morning, school superintendents from across the region, state and county participated in a call with the Deputy Secretary of Governor Cuomo's office, the State's Director of Epidemiology and the Director of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to update us on the continuing Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. In accordance with their guidance and recommendations, we are taking all necessary precautions to provide for the well-being of our students and staff.

Public health organizations continue to stress that it is important that facts outweigh fear, and that the general risk still remains low in the New York area despite new confirmed cases. At present, in our Dobbs Ferry school community, we have not been contacted by the Department of Health regarding any parents, staff or students who are exhibiting the Coronavirus. The DOH will notify each school when they identify someone in the school population or community who should be quarantined, and will make subsequent recommendations for further school actions. As always, we need your cooperation with keeping your children home if they are sick.

As a precaution, the Dobbs Ferry School District will be closed over the weekend to thoroughly clean/sanitize the buildings. This includes wiping down every desk and surface that is a "touch-point," in addition to all door knobs, handrails, tables, chairs, computers, and water fountains. Common areas and bathrooms are disinfected daily. The bus company is also sanitizing all buses on a regular basis. The District is adding more hand-sanitizing stations, and putting up signage reminding people to wash their hands frequently. We are doubling our efforts in regards to daily cleaning in each of our buildings.

Please visit the District website's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) resource page](#) to keep current with updates from our schools, and to obtain the latest public health information. The District will continue to follow the guidance of governmental health agencies and medical experts, including our school physician, and the State Education Department to inform planning and decision-making.

Parents/guardians are reminded that this is a good time to update your contact information on the [Parent Portal](#) (click on Verify button when done), to make sure you are receiving all communications from the District. We will continue to keep you informed of new developments regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that impact our school community.