

# Superintendent Communiqué



**Midland Public Schools**  
*Inspiring Excellence*

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## **MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT**

*Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.*

## **SPECIAL EDITION COMMUNIQUE**

March 5, 2020

### **COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

As we are all aware, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has made its way to several locations in the United States.

In last week's Special Edition Communiqué, we emphasized that the best guidance and information is currently located on the Center for Disease Control's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>. Another resource is the Michigan.gov coronavirus link: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus>.

The CDC emphasizes the importance of the following prevention measures:

- ✓ Frequent washing of hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- ✓ Cover cough/sneeze in your sleeve (not hand)
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- ✓ Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- ✓ Avoid close contact with those who are ill
- ✓ Remain home if a fever is present. Call health care provider before seeking care



**PREVENTION  
MEASURES**

MPS has recently met with our provider of custodial services (EnviroClean) to review and discuss new/best result cleaning procedures based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control.

Midland Public Schools will be adjusting our practices and using our custodial personnel to increase the District's efforts in the sanitizing of objects and surfaces most frequently touched (desk tops, door knobs, etc.)

- ✓ It is important to note MPS will be using a sanitizing product that is wiped on wet and left to dry to have the best result. This technique leaves a streaked/cloudy appearance. Please do not be alarmed if surfaces do not appear clean/shiny.
- ✓ As we focus our custodial crews on surface sanitization, a few other items such as dusting may become a lower priority.
- ✓ We will emphasize sanitation in our transportation fleet of vehicles as well.

We have open and effective lines of communication with our public health officials and will alert staff and families if we receive direction related to COVID-19. As this time, local health officials and the CDC is not recommending cancelling events and/or school. We will continue to monitor the CDC and local and state health official recommendations and provide up-to-date communications with MPS stakeholders as warranted.

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