



March 30, 2020

Families & Community Members,

I am writing with general district updates for the week of March 30, 2020. We continue to adjust operations, food distribution, and academic/resource planning as events in our community and nation change.

Food Distribution

To date, we have distributed over 10,000 meals to families within our community. Distribution has mainly been possible due to the volunteers and workforce assistance. Gordon Food Service has been a reliable entity in supplying necessary food items, while local organizations, such as Carl's Market, donates additional needed supplies. We will continue this distribution for the foreseeable future.

Delivery dates/times are posted here: <https://www.lakewoodps.org/Domain/481>, then click on the 'Viking mobile meals' link located on the top ribbon.

District Sanitizing

To date, all buildings have been disinfected 5-7 times. Sanitizing spray has been used on hallway walls, floors, gymnasium bleachers, floors and walls, cafeteria floors and walls, and bathroom floors and walls.

Deep cleaning of each room has started. Items cleaned in all rooms are as follows: high dusting/low dusting (from ceiling to floor), vents cleaned, projectors cleaned, light fixtures cleaned/bugs wiped out, all furniture sanitized again, doors cleaned, windows/window sills/window tracks cleaned, whiteboards cleaned, phones cleaned, floors vacuumed/swept, floors mopped where applicable, countertops cleaned (if they were not full of things), cabinets wiped down, and sinks/bathrooms cleaned. Extracting/cleaning carpets starts this week.

Board of Education

This past week, I had the chance to practice Zoom meetings with all of our board members. It went well. Our board meeting on April 13, 2020, will be conducted via Zoom. A public link will be published closer to the board meeting.

Academic Supports

Today I met with our Assistant Superintendent and Technology Director to discuss our emerging distance learning plans. These are becoming more of a long-term reality with the Governor recently hinting that it is 'highly doubtful' students will return to class this year. If and when the Governor makes the decision to eliminate on-site learning for the year, we will communicate any changes in learning expectations she or the Department of Education establish. At this point, we are planning on returning on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Current supports/posted work is optional and is accessible here:

<https://www.lakewoodps.org/domain/510>.



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Below is a press release from the Ionia County Health Department regarding guidance for residents and businesses. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at fleenorr@lakewoodps.org or by direct message on Twitter, @LakewoodSupe, or Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Lakewood-Public-Schools-District-279943535393048/>.

With Gratitude,



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Ionia County Health Department Issues Public Health Recommendations

Strict compliance with this guidance is critical in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in places frequented by employees and residents

The Ionia County Health Department has issued recommendations for Ionia County residents and businesses identified as critical service providers by the State of Michigan. These recommendations are designed to ensure that critical infrastructure workers are able to carry out normal operations while keeping themselves and the community safe:

- People with fever of 100.4 degrees F or greater and coughing unrelated to a chronic lung condition need to stay home until they are free of fever – without the aid of a fever-suppressant – for at least 72 hours and at least 7 days have passed since the symptoms began.
- Employers providing critical services exempt from the Governor's Executive Order should take reasonable measures to space patrons and employees at least 6 feet apart, disinfect common touch points, and require ill employees to stay home.
- Persons knowingly exposed with close contact to an individual positively diagnosed with COVID-19 shall quarantine themselves at home for a period of 14 days since the date of last contact with the ill person.
- People should avoid public playground equipment and other physical features that promote common touch point experiences. We strongly recommend that owners and operators of public playground equipment place signs or other notices discouraging use of the equipment. If possible, we recommend closing public access to such equipment.

Nothing in these recommendations are meant to limit the operations of first responders and healthcare institutions, which may be mitigating risk in other ways while providing the most essential of services.

While this guidance does not fall under the umbrella of a public health order, the Ionia County Health Department is asking all Ionia County individuals and businesses identified as critical service providers to comply. It is imperative that individuals and critical service businesses understand that their compliance, or non-compliance, with the above recommendations will have a direct impact on the community spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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