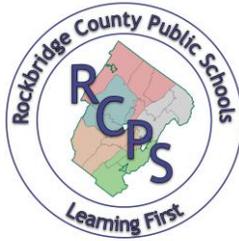


Phillip Thompson, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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Assistant Superintendent

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday, we released our initial thoughts on Coronavirus (COVID-19) as it may impact our community and school division in the future. In the wake of the most recent Coronavirus updates and the frequency of cases that are being reported throughout the Commonwealth, Rockbridge County Public Schools has made the decision to suspend all out-of-county field trips indefinitely. I must emphasize that at the time of this writing, there are still no confirmed Coronavirus cases in Rockbridge County.

Currently, all internal activities and in-county field trips may continue to operate as normal. This includes athletic events and school-sponsored programs/activities. As has been the case this week, this is a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to be in close communication with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as well as local emergency services personnel. Should current circumstances continue to evolve, if necessary, we will make further adjustments in the best interest of our students, staff, and community members.

As always, we would like to reinforce preventive safety measures because preventing the spread of illnesses is all of our responsibility. We encourage our students, staff, and families to be mindful of key preventive measures, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

My thanks to everyone for your understanding as we navigate these challenging times for the greater good of our Rockbridge County community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Phillip Thompson'.

Phillip Thompson
Division Superintendent