March 12, 2020

Dear Members of the Johnson School Community,

In light of Governor Baker’s State of Emergency declaration and the recommendations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), we are changing some of the operational procedures to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and community members.

**Updated information as of 3/12/2020:**

- All parent/guardian drop off and pick up is to take place outside of the building. This includes activities such as Karate, Cooking, After School Program, and Scouts, etc.
- Organizers using the building outside of school hours are required to certify all participants that attend their program on that day are symptom-free and have not been exposed to COVID-19. They will also submit a daily list of participants with signatures.

**We continue to:**

- Screen visitors to the school
- Monitor absenteeism
- Review gatherings and events
- Perform detailed cleaning of all contact surface areas, including door handles, handrails, and fixtures in all high-traffic areas
- Remind staff and students to follow good hygiene practices as identified in this poster. These posters have been displayed throughout the building in high-visibility locations and shared through our digital communications

**We continue to ask parents to:**

- Keep your child home from school and report symptoms on the absentee line if your child has a fever, cough or shortness of breath
- Keep your child home from school and inform the School Nurse if any household member has tested positive for COVID-19, is showing signs of the illness, has been exposed or is under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19.
- Inform school and nurse of any upcoming travel plans (edulisio@johnsonschool.org)

We are committed to following the clearly defined recommendations from public health officials, including the MDPH, Centers for Disease Control, and the Governor’s office. Please keep in mind that this situation is fluid and decisions to cancel or reschedule events may change. We ask that everyone remain understanding as we adjust our practices based on future events.

Sincerely,

Tony Pierantozzi
Superintendent of Schools

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