

# Raymond School District

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Dear Raymond School District Community,

We are reaching out to let parents and guardians know that the scheduled Monster Concerts will proceed as planned. The instrumental concert will be held tonight at Raymond High School and start at 7 p.m. The choral concert will be held on March 17 at Raymond High School and start at 6:30 p.m.

At this time, we do not believe it is necessary to cancel these concerts due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19, however, we are remaining in close contact with our public health colleagues and will reassess that decision should public health guidance change.

Neither the CDC nor DHHS have notified any other members of the Raymond community of the need to self-quarantine. One employee is self-quarantining after a family member returned from a recent trip to Italy, but neither the employee nor their family member are showing any symptoms. The self-quarantine is being done out of an abundance of caution.

However, we are taking these extra precautions to protect the health and safety of our entire community.

## **Students will not be penalized for choosing not to participate in a Monster Concert.**

We encourage older adults or anyone with chronic medical conditions, like heart disease, diabetes or lung disease not to attend these concerts, as these groups have been identified as being at a higher risk and are advised to avoid large crowds. Students who live with a family member who is in this high-risk group are also being asked not to attend.

As with any school-related activities, those who are displaying symptoms of illness of any kind -- COVID-19 or otherwise -- should stay home.

Each school building undergoes rigorous cleaning daily to ensure that commonly touched surfaces are disinfected and to minimize the risk of germs spreading.

The concerts will be aired live on RCTV Ch. 13 and videotaped by Raymond Community Television. The recordings will be available for viewing on the [RCTV website](#) and we encourage relatives from out of state to watch the performance online rather than attending.

We are actively monitoring the situation and will proceed in a way that both minimizes the disruption to students' learning while ensuring the wellness of the school community. For more information, visit the NH DHHS website by [clicking here](#) and the CDC's website by [clicking here](#).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools