

Raymond School District

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Dear Raymond School District Community,

We are reaching out to provide information about the respiratory disease COVID-19 or the “Coronavirus.”

An employee of the district has been notified by their local health departments of the need to self-quarantine after coming in close contact with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. A “close contact,” per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a person that has been within six feet of a confirmed case for more than 15 minutes, or with direct contact with infectious secretions, while the individual was likely to be infectious. The District employee, based out of Raymond High School, was within 6 feet of a DMV employee who was wearing a mask. That DMV employee was later diagnosed with COVID-19.

The individual is in self-quarantine and will be eligible to return to work on March 25th. The employee is asymptomatic and this self-quarantine is being done as a precaution based on the guidance of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). We want to make clear that just because a person is self-quarantining, it does not mean they have COVID-19 or will get COVID-19.

Raymond School District is monitoring the COVID-19 situation nationwide and is in communication with the Raymond Building and Health Division and the NH DHHS. The District has also been conducting regular disinfecting and cleaning efforts at Raymond High, Raymond Middle and Lamprey River Elementary, as we do each flu season.

Parents and guardians are reminded that, in an effort to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as the flu, respiratory viruses and gastrointestinal illnesses, students need to be free from fever, vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school if they have been sick, and are advised to stay home and not go to school if they are presenting any of those symptoms.

We also wish to provide students and their families with the following recommended actions from the NH DHHS to prevent infectious diseases from spreading:

- For a minimum of 20 seconds, wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick
- Use a tissue to cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- When you have a fever or are ill, stay home from work or school

The CDC (www.cdc.gov) recognizes that prevention efforts offer the strongest protection from all illnesses including the Coronavirus.

The District will keep you informed of updates or changes as we are advised by our local and state departments of public health. We hope that this information allows you to make informed choices regarding you and your family's health and wellness.

Sincerely,

Tina H. McCoy, Ed.D. - Superintendent of Schools

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