

Administration

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Mount Vernon School District Families:

The novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19, continues to impact communities locally and regions across the globe. We are listening to parent and staff questions and concerns and we continue to update actions and decisions based on communications with Skagit County Department of Health.

This morning Skagit County Department of Health made a presentation to the County Commissioners updating information. The Skagit County Public Health Officer, Dr. Liebrand, is not recommending school closures. The Health Department made additional recommendations during their presentation this morning.

Aligned with and in response to those recommendations, the Mount Vernon School District is taking the following additional steps.

- All non-essential after-school activities are cancelled until further notice including but not limited to:
 - Music Concerts
 - After-school tutoring or clubs (*The Boys & Girls Club and 21st Century Program will remain open.*)
 - Parent group events
- Middle School Athletics are cancelled until further notice
- All non-essential building and district meetings are cancelled until further notice
- Staff trainings will be postponed to a later date- to be determined

How can families help:

- If your student is sick (fever over 100 degrees F, vomiting, diarrhea, cough), please keep them home until they have been symptom free for **72 hours**. Call your doctor if you are concerned about your student's symptoms.
- If your child is considered high risk (heart/lung disease, diabetes, medically fragile, pregnant), please consult your physician for instructions.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands

We will be providing updates as necessary on our [website](#) and social media pages. The Skagit County Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms, please call the DOH Call Center at 1-800-525-0127 and press #. You can also check their webpage at Skagitcounty.net/coronavirus. Skagit County Public Health: 360-416-1500.

Carl Bruner, Superintendent