

Big Sandy School District Coronavirus, Update

- As the scope of COVID-19 continues to change at a very rapid rate we are making every effort to stay informed and put together action plans in a proactive manner.

- We understand that many of our families may have spring break trips planned and while we don't want to mandate what everyone does, we do have a responsibility to try and protect our students, faculty, staff and community to the best of our ability.

- Should a family choose to travel in or outside the State of Colorado, they can find an updated map of confirmed cases: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/locations-confirmed-cases.html>

- If a family is traveling out of the country (and some out of state, i.e. west coast), we encourage them to proactively monitor everyone's health upon arriving and leaving their destination and request that they notify the school of their departure and arrival dates and consider self-quarantining for 7 days (up to 14 depending upon the area of travel) upon their return

- Given the Governor's recent announcement and information we received yesterday, we want to make everyone aware of the following:

- If one student or staff member at a school tests positive for COVID-19, Big Sandy will close for 72 hours to clean and disinfect it.
- If two students or staff members test positive, Big Sandy will close for an additional 72 hours (144 hours total).
- If Big Sandy has three or more students or staff members test positive, we will close for 14 days.

We request that if any student has a family member or has been in contact with a family member who has tested positive for COVID-19, please notify the school immediately so we can assess the situation and decide on a course of action.

As we receive additional information and guidance from the Health Department and the State, we will disseminate that information as needed. Our goal is not to create panic; it is to make sure families are well informed about potential impacts. In the event that Big Sandy does have to close for an extended period of time, additional changes to our attendance schedule may be required and we will provide that information as soon as the Board has met with Administration and thoroughly vetted all of the options.

Following are two good websites for the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds (sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol), if sick, stay home (fever, cough, shortness of breath), covering a cough, and not touching nose, mouth or eyes are suggestions from multiple sources.

With the quickly changing environment, protocols might be changing as well.