



Dear BAS Family,

As you have likely heard, yesterday, March 10, Governor Whitmer announced that there are now presumptive cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in Michigan. As the Governor shared, the samples have been sent to the CDC for confirmation. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Livingston County. Obviously, this is a very fluid and rapidly evolving situation.

The other county superintendents and I have been in constant contact with the Livingston County Health Department. We were reassured that, at this time, we do not need to take any additional actions relating to COVID-19. We will remain in close contact with the Livingston County Health Department to check-in, receive updates and ensure that each school district is following the same practices.

While the Livingston County Health Department has indicated that our current cleaning procedures are appropriate, out of an abundance of caution, we will be spending additional time and effort on high touch areas and with ongoing and additional deep cleaning at each building. We will continue to work in partnership and take all directions relating to COVID-19 from our local, state and federal health experts.

Again, medical experts indicate that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID -19 are the same recommendations for preventing the spread of the flu, which include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Staying home when you are sick
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing

Please help us reinforce these practices by reviewing them with your child(ren) on a regular basis. Our school nurses are also monitoring for symptoms as needed. In addition, until otherwise communicated, we ask peers and adults to discontinue close contact (handshakes, etc.) with each other during our school activities.

Lastly, we have created a page on our website to host our updates, resources from our health department, and a summary of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). That page can be found at [www.BrightonK12.com](http://www.BrightonK12.com) and then by clicking on the “Coronavirus Info Update” link on our main page. Again, this is a very fluid and rapidly evolving situation and we are working with all appropriate local, state, and federal health officials on the matter. We will update you accordingly.

Sincerely,

Gregory B. Gray  
Ph.D. Superintendent BAS