



# LANSINGBURGH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Lansingburgh Staff, Students and Caregivers,

I am writing today in an effort to keep everyone informed about any new information we have regarding COVID-19. At this time, we still have **no confirmed cases** in any Lansingburgh schools or the surrounding community. However, in keeping with Governor Cuomo's directive, we will close our schools for at least 24 hours if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19. All situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under careful guidance from the Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the State Education Department and Questar III BOCES Health & Safety Office. We are carefully monitoring this situation and will share more information as it becomes available to us.

Below is a list of what has been implemented since my last correspondence on Wednesday, March 11th:

Athletics-Section II has cancelled any interscholastic scrimmages or games until April 19th.

Maintenance/Custodian-Our crew has been sanitizing all surfaces in our buildings twice a day for the entire week and will continue to do so until this is resolved.

Transportation-All of our buses were sanitized today using the same misting device that we use in our buildings.

Field Trips-All events that involve students or staff leaving campus have been cancelled until at least April 1st.

Facility Use-All outside agencies have been informed that they are not allowed the use of our facilities until further notice.

March 20th Supt. Conference Day-Still on schedule, with all professional development now occurring on campus.

NYS 3-8 Testing-The ELA tests in grades in 3-8 are scheduled for March 25-27. We received a memo from the Commissioner of Education yesterday stating that there is a possibility that schools may be able to extend the testing window beyond the current timeframe or seek a one year moratorium. Depending on how next week progresses, further guidance is forthcoming from the Education Department.

School Calender-Governor Cuomo signed an executive order today stating that school districts will not have their apportionment of aid reduced if they fail to meet the 180 day requirement due to the outbreak of COVID-19. It is still unclear about the use of our unused emergency closing days or Spring Break.

We encourage all Lansingburgh families to continue following the health and safety measures we shared in our last update.

If you're looking for more information about COVID-19, we continue recommending official sources such as the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) or the NYS Dept. of Health ([www.health.ny.gov/](http://www.health.ny.gov/) or call 1-888-364-3065 for their novel coronavirus hotline).

Sincerely,

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