



March 10, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a preemptive measure in preparation for COVID-19, IHSNO is exploring ways to ensure that learning continues should we have to close school for an extended time. We are proactively looking into ways to continue to service students should the time come.

We are keeping updated about the COVID-19 virus. There is not an immediate threat to IHSNO, but we need to be prepared.

We understand that learning is not a “one size fits all”, and we are working to ensure that learning schedules can accommodate the different learning styles. We want to guarantee learning continues without it being overly complex and challenging.

We are exploring measures that would ensure that all students have the tools necessary for distance learning in the event the school must close. This would include lending devices to students. Our teachers use Google Classroom and will continue to use this method of instruction should we close.

During this time, we want to keep you abreast of our actions to minimize learning disruption. The facility and custodial team have thoroughly cleaned and disinfected flat surfaces and high traffic areas. Additionally, the team made provisions to ensure adequate hand washing supplies.

We will continue to be in touch as events unfold. At this time, there have been no decisions as to upcoming school events.

Reminders:

Take the following proactive steps to protect the health of yourself and those around you:

- Cover your cough.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, or with a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoiding close contact (within six feet) with those who are sick.



Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. CDC believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For updates locally, please visit ready.nola.gov or call [311](tel:311)
- For updates on the state’s response to the coronavirus situation, visit LDH.louisiana.gov/Coronavirus.
- Members of the public with questions about coronavirus may call the coronavirus general information line at [1-855-523-2652](tel:1-855-523-2652) from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Monday** through Friday.

Thank you for entrusting your child’s education to us. We hold each student’s learning and safety as we do a member of our family.

In service,

IHSNO Administrative Team