

Chautauqua Lake Central School District

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Dear Chautauqua Lake Central School District Community:

In an effort to offer the most up-to-date information on the status of the school's response to the COVID-19 virus, I have prepared this update which includes guidance from the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services as well as the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Education. As noted in my letter of March 11, 2020, please know that we continue to monitor the regular updates from NYSED, the CDC and the DOH. As new information becomes available, our goal is to be prepared and nimble in our response. I have received several calls regarding the status of our school district with respect to possible school closure. Please be advised that, with respect to school closure considerations, we will work in close collaboration with state and local health officials as noted in the School (PreK-12) Guidance: COVID-19 document.

As our school community and school communities around the country continue to learn from and respond to this significant public health issue, we ask each of you if you recently traveled to identified countries, feel sick with fever, cough or have trouble breathing or develop symptoms to continue to:

- Seek medical care right away. Call ahead and tell them about your travel and symptoms
- Avoid contact with others
- Stay home, except for seeking medical care
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Contact your local health department

Please check our website and/or Facebook page regularly for updates regarding our school district. In addition, you can visit the additional resources provided below.

Additional Resources:

CDC's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>

NYSDOH's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

New York State Center for School Health website at www.schoolhealthny.com

Sincerely,

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