

March 13, 2020

To all USD 345 staff and families:

This is just a note to keep you all informed and aware of our current situation and status regarding COVID-19 and USD 345. As of right now, we have not been informed of any decision regarding school closings from the Shawnee County Health Department or other health officials. If a decision to close is made, we will inform you through all communication channels via our [emergency notification process](#).

After the conclusion of yesterday's quarterfinal round, the 2020 KSHSAA State Basketball Tournament has been canceled. At this time, we will plan to continue all USD 345 activities as previously scheduled. If recommendations and guidelines change from local health officials regarding large group activities, we will follow their recommendations. Any cancellations of activities will be communicated, as usual.

Principals will be informing staff of schedule changes to allow more time for hand washing before breakfast, second chance breakfast (SMS & SHS), lunches, and snack times (elementary). Please contact your school nurse or principal if you have any questions regarding hygiene practices.

This situation is changing fast and we are planning now so we'll be prepared to act quickly as needed. If schools are closed, we plan to prepare lunches that can be taken and consumed offsite. We are planning for Logan Elementary to be our meal distribution center, if needed.

We understand how concern over this new virus can make children and families anxious. Click here to view a parent resource on [Talking to Children About COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#). We will also have social workers, counselors, and psychologists available to give guidance and support if your child is having difficulties as a result of anxiety or stress related to COVID-19.

Please continue to follow the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#) on protecting yourself and your family. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available. We will continue to keep you informed as it relates to the Seaman School District.

The health and safety of our staff, students, and community remain our top priority as we continue to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Coronavirus Resource Page:

[https://seamanschools.org/news/what\\_s\\_new/coronavirus\\_resource\\_page](https://seamanschools.org/news/what_s_new/coronavirus_resource_page)

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Noble  
Superintendent