



# Skokie

## School District 68

March 4, 2020

*Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners.  
We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Skokie School District 68 is closely monitoring developments regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Illinois Department of Public Health. I want you to know that we are also working in cooperation with the Village of Skokie Health Department, which is available to advise us whenever there is a public health or safety concern that may affect students and staff.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection so the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDHP) recommends that the best way to prevent infection is to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus, which are similar to the precautions you would take to avoid the flu. The IDHP always recommends everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### **Centers for Disease Control**

The following CDC site includes information about COVID-19, and provides travel information that might be helpful to those planning trips over spring break:

[CDC Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

### **Illinois Department of Public Health**

Additional information specific to Illinois is available here:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

District 68 will continue to take reasonable steps to keep our school functioning as normal, including nightly disinfecting of doorknobs and hard surfaces in common areas. In the event District 68 receives additional information about the virus that leads us to take any additional precautions, we will inform students, parents, staff, and community members.

Sincerely,



James Garwood, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools

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