



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

March 11, 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

The Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Nassau County. It's important to note that, as of today - March 11, 2020 - the Nassau County Department of Health has not reported to us that anyone who lives or works in the VSUFSD13 School Community is being monitored for or has tested positive for the coronavirus.

This is an evolving situation with many facets relative to community concern. Therefore, we have implemented a new page (<http://valleystream13.com/home/covid-19-info-resources/>) on our District Website where our latest communications and information resources can be accessed.

To support our efforts to maintain the health and safety of our students, staff, and broader school community, we are updating and amending our District's procedures to ensure alignment with recommendations by the New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. The following strategies will begin tomorrow, March 12, 2020:

- Building upon the CDC's updated information regarding "social distancing," all field trips are cancelled until further notice. All companies/vendors will be contacted regarding refunds for families/school organizations if applicable. If you have any questions, please speak with the contact person regarding the trip.
- All evening activities that take place inside our buildings after 6 p.m. are canceled except for Right At School Programs. This also means all outside organizations are not permitted in the buildings after 6 p.m. This will provide custodial crews additional time to thoroughly sanitize our buildings each evening.
- The District will not be open over weekends until further notice.
- We will continue to follow our increased schedule of cleaning and sanitizing our building as noted in our Pandemic Plan that is outlined in a PowerPoint (<http://valleystream13.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemic-Plan-VS13-2020-3.pdf>). Additionally, we will continue to post and send home information about ensuring the continuance of district operations and continuity of instruction should our district have to close.

As we are a K-6 school district, it will be important for parents and guardians to evaluate emergency childcare coverage options in the event that we have to close for more than 24 hours.

We will continue to use several modes of communication to provide up to date information about event cancellations. Please contact my office if you have any questions at 516-568-6100.

Sincerely,
Constance D. Evelyn, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools