



Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen

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From the Office of the Superintendent:

We continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing situation regarding the coronavirus, known as COVID-19. As you may know, the first case in Nassau County has recently been confirmed. Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen has been cleaning and sanitizing our buildings to support the health and safety of all, and we will remain diligent with these practices. We continue to educate our students about proper prevention practices to assist with reducing the spread of viruses. There are soap dispensers in all lavatories, and hand sanitizer dispensers are distributed throughout all of our buildings. High traffic surface areas are being wiped down twice a day and a third time as part of our regular overnight cleaning. We will persist in following recommendations from the NYS Department of Health regarding COVID-19.

At this time, we would like to remind you not to send your child to school if they are sick or have a fever. As usual, students should be kept home for at least 24 hours after no longer having a fever without the use of fever-reducing drugs like ibuprofen or acetaminophen.

We encourage you to keep up to date regarding COVID-19 through information at the following websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nCov> (Center for Disease Control)

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/> (NYS Department of Health)

If you or your child is experiencing any worry or anxiety, please reach out to your child's teacher or the principal for assistance. Our psychologists and social workers are prepared to help our students with any worry they may be having. You may also wish to review the resource provided at the following website that can assist you with talking to your child:

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)

Please continue to visit the district website for informational updates at
www.valleystream13.com

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to your school's principal or nurse.

Thank you for your continued support.