

Healthy Habits

Please
Post!



1 Wash your hands often!

Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap & water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



2 Cover your cough/sneeze!

Cover your coughs & sneezes with an elbow sleeve or tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth; you can pick up the virus that way.




3 Clean common surfaces daily!

Clean frequently touched surfaces & objects like doorknobs & countertops. Use disinfectants with 62-71% ethanol, 0.5% hydrogen peroxide or bleach.



4 Not sick? No mask.

If you have a fever or are feeling sick, please stay home and get well. 



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Dear Friends of New Bedford Public Schools,

With COVID-19 making headlines everywhere, I thought I'd update you on our preparedness planning.

We are in close collaboration with local agencies including Southcoast Health (including St. Luke's Hospital), the City of New Bedford Health Department and we are following guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission. I encourage you to visit their websites in addition to the CDC's website, for more information.

Our facilities team has instituted a comprehensive regimen to sanitize classrooms and common spaces daily. In addition, preparations are under way regarding virtual and non-virtual options should home-based lessons be necessary. I am collaborating with other large districts regarding ways to provide quality learning experiences via online access. All NBPS middle and high school students have 1:1 access to Chromebooks and other personal devices, which would figure into a program to ensure equity. The district is assessing the number of elementary students who would have access to online resources. We have curtailed school-sponsored trips abroad as requested by Governor Baker.

Please be assured that the health and well-being of our students and staff are our top priority. This is a stressful time for all and I ask that we all work to stay informed and be empathetic to individual challenges. I remain particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of this community.

Please post this mailer as a reminder to practice healthy habits to lower everyone's risk.

Best Regards,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

COVID-19 webpages:
www.cdc.gov/flu
www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19
<http://www.newbedfordschools.org/>