

March 13, 2020

To our Racine Lutheran Families,

As you have seen in the past 24 hours, things can change quickly. The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is having a tremendous impact on everyone. Our governor has directed all public and private school leaders to look to our county health department for direction about COVID-19.

We will continue to monitor this situation and provide a safe environment for students and staff. At this time, there is no plan to close Racine Lutheran High School. However, we will cancel school two days (Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24) so our faculty can prepare for online education if it would become necessary. In this situation, students should check their RLHS email for required online learning. Contact office@racinelutheran.org if you need help.

We do not have any reason to believe anyone in our school community has this virus. If there are changes to any planned school activities, we will contact you as soon as possible. During our spring break our maintenance staff will do a thorough sanitizing and cleaning of our entire school building.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has shared that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive action to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it away in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

These simple practices will help us stay healthy and also serve as an act of love for others. Please continue to join us in prayer for those whose lives have been deeply affected by this virus, and also for the good health of all our school families.

If you have any questions or concerns, pleases contact me. Enjoy your spring break. See you again on March 25.

Dave Burgess Executive Director/Principal