



**MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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Dear Malden Public School Families and Staff:

We understand that families and staff have questions regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it may impact the Malden School Community. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Malden Health Department continue to assure us that the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time. However, we are encouraging families to be particularly vigilant in taking some general precautions to remain as healthy as possible.

We have taken precautions in our schools with extra cleaning and making sure hand sanitizer is available. Additionally, we continue to work closely with Malden's Emergency Management Team and the School Department is in daily contact with our Health Department.

The following actions can help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, as much as possible
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth when you cough

Please contact the school nurse if you are unsure whether your child should attend school or stay home. A student with a fever should remain home for at least 24 hours after the fever has resolved **without** use of medication.

For more information and updates please visit the Malden Health Department's website at <https://www.cityofmalden.org/706/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>.

Malden Public Schools will remain open. We work closely with our local, state and federal health authorities and are given up-to-the-moment information. Should the situation change you can be assured we will notify you immediately.

Sincerely,  
John Oteri, Superintendent