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## Important Information about the Coronavirus

Dear Families,

With the COVID-19 situation continuing to be very fluid in South Dakota, we know that parents are concerned, and rightly so. Per Governor Noem's pre-emptive approach, schools across the state will be closed the week of March 16 to clean their facilities and to implement social distancing, which can help to slow the spread of the virus.

If school continues to be closed, starting on Monday, March 23 we will be providing online and home based learning options for students in grades PK-12. We will keep you updated as time moves forward and an announcement will come via our SchoolMessenger phone call system and on our school district Facebook page.

Starting March 16, we will continue to run our schoollunch program using the Grab and Go option. This is 100% free to ALL students, regardless of your income during the closure of school. You can find more information about how this process works on the Hoven School District Facebook page and our school website.

All of us can play a role in preventing the spread of this virus by taking some simple steps, as recommended by the South Dakota Department of Health. Many of these steps are the same steps that you would take to prevent the flu, the common cold, and other respiratory illnesses.

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for about 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched frequently.
- Individuals at higher risk, such as older adults and people with chronic medical conditions, should take actions to reduce their risk of exposure.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Dakota Department of Health both have great resources to keep you informed. I would encourage you to visit their websites to get up-to-date reliable information.

- [covid.sd.gov](https://www.southdakota.gov/covid-19) -- SD Department of Health's website
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> -- CDC's website
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/index.html> -- CDC'S resources for homes

As new information for our school community is available, we will keep you informed via our usual communication methods, which include SchoolMessenger, Facebook, and other communication methods as necessary.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Hurd  
Superintendent  
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