



GILBERTSVILLE-MT. UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Parents and Community Members,
I know everyone continues to have questions and concerns regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and its impact on our school. We are doing our best to prepare and plan, given the information we have at this time.

The most recent guidance from the State dictates that the Department of Health will alert the school of any cases of COVID-19 within our school community. The DOH will not alert us to any suspicious cases in which individuals have been quarantined while they wait for test results or symptom development. If someone within our school district or community tests positive for the virus, the DOH will close our school for 24 hours to investigate further.

The need to close school for additional days will be at the discretion of the DOH. At GMU, we continue to use School Messenger (robo-calls) and social media to communicate on a mass scale regarding any school emergencies, cancellations or information. We also have created a Coronavirus page on our website with resources to help keep you and your families healthy.

In an additional effort to exercise an abundance of caution and be proactive in the event of an extended school closure, many students were sent home with packets of school work to be accessed if the district is closed for multiple days. In the middle/high school, teachers have been in conversations with all students about various online platforms that can be accessed for continued learning. Our hope is that students will be able to access these platforms through the use of internet, data or hotspots that may be established during a closure (more information will be provided).

Also, in an effort to protect our students, we will not attend any field trips until further notice, and beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, all events taking place during school will be closed to the public. We will do our best to broadcast events on Facebook or our website (www.gmuscd.org) so parents and community members can view them in the safety of their homes. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Sincerely,
Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent

Canceled: March 20-Fish Dinner; March 28-Alumni Basketball Game.