

Dear Puyallup Performing Arts Academy Families,

With all of the recent media coverage over COVID-19 (Corona Virus), we wanted to take a moment to touch base with our families to let you know we are both monitoring the situation closely, as well as doing what we can to help prevent the spread of any illness within the school. Although we cannot guarantee there won't be an outbreak in the school, we are taking critical steps to prevent its transmission.

SCHOOL EFFORTS

- Students and staff will sanitize (with hand sanitizer) upon arrival at school and as they leave at the end of the day.
- Students hands will be personally sanitized by a teacher between activities and as before and after snack/lunch. Approximately every 15 min.
- Tables and chairs are sanitized before and after school, and in between each small group rotation for the preschoolers. Upper grade tables and chairs are not shared by other children during the day, and are sanitized before and after school.
- Bathrooms are deep cleaned once per day, and wiped down with Clorox wipes periodically throughout the day.
- Doorknobs, light switches, counters, and regularly touched surfaces are sprayed with Lysol throughout the day
- Teachers will continue to remind students that sharing food is not allowed.
- Students will, in addition to washing with soap and water, use hand sanitizer upon exiting the restrooms.
- iPads are thoroughly wiped down and disinfected after each use.
- Toys are sanitized after being used, being sprayed thoroughly with Lysol.
- We will have continual class discussions on the importance of keeping our germs to ourselves. Teachers continue to remind students to sanitize hands after cough, sneeze or use a tissue.
- Hand sanitizer is placed in all common areas throughout the school and at the sign in sheets for visitors.

PARENT EFFORTS:

- Please do your best to educate your children on the use of hand sanitizers/ hand hygiene as much as possible. Washing hands with soap and water while singing the Counting Song or Alphabet song (to make sure they wash for a longer period of time), making sure to wash the front and back of hands and between fingers.
- Remind them that during this time, unnecessary touching and hugging of friends should be avoided.
- If a student or yourself become ill, please contact your primary care physician by telephone/ telecommunications measures first. Avoid going into medical offices / urgent cares / ERs unless your symptoms are severe or you are instructed by a physician. Those areas are going to have a much higher risk of transmission.
- Due to HIPPA laws, if there is a confirmed diagnosis by a physician, you are not legally required to disclose your child's medical history. However, we strongly encourage you to inform us as a personal courtesy. This way the school can take appropriate actions and work with local health

authorities. If you are not comfortable with this, you can have your medical provider contact us anonymously letting us know we have a confirmed case at the school.

SCHOOL CLOSURE:

In the event that the Puyallup School District has a FULL DISTRICT WIDE shutdown, we will also close down until the shutdown is lifted.

COMMUNICATION:

Email remains our primary means of communication.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need further clarification. Thanks so much and take care!

~ Becky