

March 11, 2020



Dear CCSD93 Community,

This message is intended to keep you informed of a situation that relates to CCSD93 and its community.

It was shared with a CCSD93 administrator at last night's volleyball game at Stratford Middle School between Jay Stream and Stratford that the referee of the match had also refereed a match on March 4 in Lombard District 44, at which an attendee was later found to have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). The referee had no direct contact with the person who tested positive and remained in sound health as of yesterday, six days removed from attending the match.

Upon being informed of this, I immediately called DuPage County Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Darlene Ruscitti and have been put in direct contact with DuPage County Health Department Executive Director Karen Ayala regarding this situation. I have been in consistent communication with Dr. Ruscitti and Ms. Ayala since.

Based on these circumstances, and what is known about how COVID-19 is and is not transmitted, it was strongly recommended to me by both the DuPage County Regional Office of Education and the DuPage County Health Department that school remain open. **The Health Department has issued a statement that there is no identifiable risk of transmission to our community as a result of this situation.** For these reasons, we made the decision to keep CCSD93's schools open, including continuing to hold all scheduled before and after school events.

Student and staff health and safety remains our highest priority. To best ensure the health and safety of all, CCSD93 has put the following measures in place:

- In recent weeks, our custodians and Buildings & Grounds staff have increased the frequency with which they deep clean high-touch surface areas across all of our schools.
- Stratford's custodial staff have thoroughly cleaned the school's gymnasium and all volleyball equipment after yesterday's game.
- We have worked with our food service provider, OrganicLife, to ensure that extra cleaning and sanitization is in place during food preparation and service.
- We have worked with our bus service provider, First Student, to ensure that increased cleaning measures are in place on our buses.
- We are continuously monitoring the news and advisories from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concerning COVID-19 as the situation is constantly evolving.
- Our Health Services team is consistently in communication with the Regional Office of Education, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD), and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

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Stratford Middle School

It is critical to note that there are no reported cases of COVID-19 among any students, staff members, parents, or visitors to any CCSD93 buildings and no reported cases among DuPage County residents. Still, it is important that we work collaboratively on protecting ourselves. The following prevention recommendations are in line with the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with warm water and soap.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Wipe down surfaces regularly with disinfectant wipes.
- Elbow bump instead of shaking hands.
- Avoid touching your face, especially eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw it away immediately. If no tissues are available, use your upper arm and not your hand.
- Do not send your student to school if he or she is sick. Fever-related absences are excused and do not require a doctor's note. Teachers will work with students to create a plan to make up missed work.
- Per our local public health authorities, it has been recommended that students and faculty/staff stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours.

Furthermore, please contact your child's school nurse if you or someone in your household is under a self-quarantine OR if you have a combination of a fever, cough and shortness of breath and have obtained the advice of a medical professional.

The circumstances surrounding COVID-19 locally, nationally and internationally continue to evolve. CCSD93 will continue to monitor the situation and share relevant updates as appropriate. If for any reason it is ever determined that schools need to close, parents would be notified through our inclement weather procedures through text, email, phone call, app push, and social media notifications.

For the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus, please visit the DuPage County Health Department's dedicated page linked below, which also contains links to information from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19-Infom>.

Please also read the statement of no identifiable risk issued by the DuPage County Health Department linked here: <http://bit.ly/D93-3-11-20>.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact me at 630-539-3000. Thank you for partnering with us to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students.

Sincerely,



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