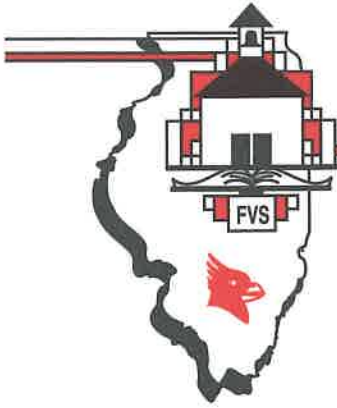


FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221



SUPERINTENDENT
Mrs. Sheri Smith

March 13, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we continue to learn more about the Coronavirus/COVID-19, please know the safety of all students and staff will continue to be our number one concern.

Yesterday late afternoon the Ogle County Health Department recommended the immediate suspension of all public gathering of events of 25 people or more until further notice. Just over an hour later, Governor Pritzker announced the cancellations and postponements of large events through May 1st. These precautions are necessary to prevent the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure throughout Illinois.

The suspension does NOT include schools. At this time, Forrestville Valley schools will remain OPEN. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and all information coming from IPHD, CDC, and our local health departments. We will follow the recommendation by Ogle County Health to suspend public gatherings until further notice. More details will be provided on exactly what this includes in the near future.

We have added additional disinfecting procedures to our classroom desk surfaces before school and immediately following lunch periods. Elementary students will participate in routine handwashing protocols and students at the secondary levels will be encouraged to do the same in classes throughout the day. All buses will disinfect seats after each bus route.

The administrative team is working to review the possibility of e-Learning in the event our school would experience closure for a period of time. While I do not want to cause panic in our community, it is important you begin to prepare for this possibility should it become necessary.

Please do your part to assist our community during these unprecedented times. If your child has a fever do NOT send them to school. Please carefully consider plans for spring break and determine if following such plans provides an undue safety concern for your family and the greater school community. Talk with your son or daughter about the importance of washing their hand hands, avoiding close contact, and recognizing symptoms of illness. We all must work together to remain healthy.

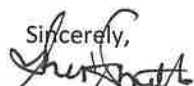
The following websites include up to date information:

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Finally, this is the first for all of us in Illinois as we determine what our next steps will be. Please be patient and we will do our best to keep you up to date. Please take the time to verify your contact information in Skyward to receive Skylert phone messages and emails. If you are unsure how to do this please contact your school office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in such unique times.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith