

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On March 20, 2020, Lemont-Bromberek SD113A was notified by a parent that they tested positive for (COVID-19). Upon notice of receiving a positive test, the district immediately contacted the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

The family is currently in self-quarantine to avoid spreading the illness to others and we have confirmed that the parent did not recently visit any of our school buildings. Parents have self-reported that the children are not exhibiting any symptoms. Due to health and privacy laws, the identity of the parent, child(ren), and schools cannot be released. Please respect the family during this incredibly difficult time.

As you probably are aware, the coronavirus is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge you to speak to your child and family about the following prevention measures:

Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.

Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.

As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, and coughing. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. In some situations, the virus can develop into pneumonia.

Individuals who need medical care should call their medical provider to report their illness prior to seeking care at a clinic, physician's office, or hospital. Parents of students exhibiting flu-like symptoms or staff exhibiting flu-like symptoms are asked to contact the Cook County Health Department at 708-202-4500 or the Illinois Department of Public Health at 800-889-3931.

Sincerely,

Dr. Courtney Orzel, Superintendent