



Queen Anne's County Public Schools

Preparing World-Class Students Through Everyday Excellence

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Dear QACPS Parents/Caregivers and Employees,

Queen Anne's County Public Schools (QACPS) is working closely with the Queen Anne's County Department of Health to prevent the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This is a developing situation being monitored by [Queen Anne's County Department of Health](#) and the [Maryland Department of Health](#).

As of March 11, 2020, there are nine confirmed cases of coronavirus in Maryland but none in QACPS. We know our community may have many questions and concerns. As a precaution, I have taken several steps to protect the safety of our students and staff members:

- QACPS is cleaning and sanitizing schools and buses throughout each day with products approved to be effective against the coronavirus.
- All out-of-state and international travel has been cancelled for students and staff, including athletic teams, field trips, educator professional development and other activities.
- All activities involving out-of-state visitors are cancelled.
- Field trips within the State of Maryland can continue and will be reviewed individually.
- Students can continue participating in apprenticeships and work-based learning assignments within Queen Anne's County.
- Sporting events will continue within the county and state.
- QACPS has eliminated open salad bars in the cafeteria and will serve individually wrapped food items.

You can help us by continuing to take preventive steps to protect against the spread of viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds on both sides and between your fingers.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid people who are ill and keep your children home from school if they are ill.
- Disinfect high-contact surfaces, such as doorknobs and tables.

- Inform your school nurse or principal if your child or members of your household have recently returned from a state or country with confirmed cases of the coronavirus or if you think you may have come in contact with someone with the virus.

There is no reason to close schools at this time. However, we are making plans to feed children who receive free meals in school and support student learning as much as possible, if school closures are necessary. We are closely monitoring guidance related to hosting in-county events with large groups. The State Superintendent, [Dr. Karen Salmon](#), provided [guidance for out of state and international travel](#) which can be accessed [here](#). For information on the coronavirus, log-on to [QACPS coronavirus resources](#) web page and the [Queen Anne's County Department of Health](#) website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "AM Kane".

Andrea M. Kane, Ph.D.
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