



Griswold Public Schools

211 Slater Avenue
Griswold, Connecticut 06351

Tel: (860) 376-7600 Fax: (860) 376-7607

Sean P. McKenna, Superintendent
Alisha Stripling, Business Manager

Susan E. Rourke, Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Christopher C. Champlin, Director, Special Education & Pupil Services

March 11th, 2020

Dear Griswold Public Schools Staff, Students, and Families:

First and foremost, I would like to thank all faculty, staff, students, and families for their understanding during this unprecedented, unpredictable time we all find ourselves navigating. This is a follow-up to the February 28th, 2020 letter regarding COVID-19 that was sent to the Griswold community, as there are some timely updates. We hope that you find the below information helpful.

Today's Updates

- Some school-sponsored, after-school and evening activities *will resume as normal*, effective today. Based on guidance from the State of Connecticut and Uncas Health District, any school-sponsored, after-hours event involving 100 or more individuals, assembled in one venue, will be postponed until further notice. Individual schools will send out specific information about re-scheduled dates.
- On our scheduled March 13th, Professional Development day, our certified staff will spend time developing plans for learning activities in the event that there is a school closure.

Griswold Preparative Measures

- Our transportation, custodial, technology, and food service teams have increased disinfection protocols and frequency.
- Our District Safety, Wellness and Climate Committee continues to meet regularly to review timely updates and to work collaboratively to problem-solve all developments. We have reviewed our emergency plan regarding responding to an epidemic in case doing so becomes necessary. This committee consists of our Administrative Team, our Nurse Coordinator, our Director of Food Services, our Director of Facilities, First Selectman Todd Babbitt, and representatives from the town and UCFS.
- We have created a Coronavirus resource link on our homepage.
- We continue to stay in constant contact with the Town of Griswold, the Uncas Health District, and the State of Connecticut on the flu epidemic and the coronavirus. The Uncas Health District sends us regular updates on this matter to ensure that our practices are consistent with the region.
- Our School Nurses closely monitor absences daily, and our School Nurse Coordinator communicates with our contracted district physician regularly on this matter.

How We Can Help One Another

- If traveling domestically or internationally, we ask that you consult with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) travel web site for advisories and potential quarantine requirements. We have provided a link to that site [here](#).
- If presenting any flu-like symptoms, we request that you seek medical advice immediately.
- Individuals who have not received a flu shot already may want to do so as soon as possible. UCFS reports that they have vaccines available.

- Remind children that consistent handwashing and sanitizing are important.
- Remind children to cough or sneeze into a tissue or, if a tissue isn't available, onto a sleeve; tissues should be thrown out immediately.

We thank you for your cooperation during this difficult, uncertain time, and we will continue to keep our Griswold Public Schools community posted. Please know that we are committed to the health and well-being of all of our members of Griswold Public Schools.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean P. McKenna". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sean P. McKenna,
Superintendent of Schools