

Greetings Parents and Families,

Thank you for your commitment to working with us to keep our schools and students safe. We want to provide timely, transparent, and accurate communication to all Crook County School District staff and families and will continue to send out guidance as we receive updates.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown held a news conference this morning and her office has issued a ban on all public gatherings of 250 people or more and has recommended public schools take additional precautions to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

At this time, the Governor is not recommending any school closures in Oregon. Crook County School District Administrators have provided the following information and recommendations for all school facilities:

- Custodial staff continues to deep clean schools and disinfect regularly
- Buses are being disinfected twice per day
- There are no confirmed cases in Crook County and CCSD will continue working with local public health officials
- Suspension of non-essential school-based activities begins immediately, effective Thursday, March 12th, and will remain in effect for 30-days, which is through the end of the day on April 8.
- All field trips cancelled through April 15th with no exceptions
- Sports practices and after-school clubs are still scheduled as normal
- All non-essential meetings cancelled
- All elementary morning assemblies are cancelled
- To ensure consistency and accuracy, all communication regarding the situation will come through the CCSD communication department
- You can find Coronavirus updates here on the [Oregon CDC Tracker](#)
- Events like this can also be difficult for children, so here's some information on how to help [children cope](#) during stressful times

We are sensitive to the changes these actions will have on your family and the school community. We understand that many of these events are meaningful and our students look forward to these all year long. However, suspending these events is consistent with guidance from health authorities, and we believe it is a prudent and responsible step to take at this time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I welcome your questions and calls. My email is sara.johnson@crookcounty.k12.or.us and the district office phone number is 541-447-5664.