

Hello Barnett Families,

With the effects of the Coronavirus(COVID-19) changing rapidly I wanted to reach out and share some updates of what is happening in Nebo School District and at Barnett Elementary.

Scott Wilson, our Assistant Superintendent sent out an email earlier today and I wanted to share a part of his email to reiterate the importance of it:

Nebo District is working with local, state and national health agencies and experts on prevention and management in the event of an outbreak in our district. Nebo School District follows local, state, and national health care expert guidance and recommendations. We are sharing this information so you are aware and can help reduce the spread of infection. The best ways to reduce the risk of getting this or **any** viral respiratory infection include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces
- Stay at home away from others if you are sick
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands
- Do not bring your student to school or come to work at school if you have cold or flu-like symptoms (elevated temperature, fever, cough, shortness of breath).

Nebo School District has also set up a place on their webpage where you can find updated information and many resources about the Coronavirus. That link is: <http://www.nebo.edu/coronavirus>

To keep our students, teachers, and staff healthy I would like to share some additional measures we have put in place:

- Our classrooms and restrooms are cleaned daily, and we recently increased the frequency of cleaning throughout the school day.
- We are encouraging our students and all staff members to wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the school day.
- We have cancelled Perfect Attendance awards for now with a reminder to not send students to school if they are sick and to remember to call in and excuse them.

Earlier today Governor Herbert held a Press Conference where he asked that for the next two weeks there are no large mass gatherings over 100 people. To keep in line with his request here is what we are doing at Barnett these next two weeks:

- We will still hold SEPs, however if you are sick or have sick family members please contact your child's teacher and you can set up another time or hold your conference over the phone.
- We will still hold the Book Fair, however we are cancelling the KISS lunch event that was planned for March 17th and 18th.
- We will still hold the Kindy 500 for our Kindergartners on March 20th, however the parade they do at the beginning will be outside in a larger area.

All of these safeguards and precautions are made with our students and Barnett community in mind. We will continue to follow guidance from the Utah County Health Department and from Nebo School District. You can also go to coronavirus.utah.gov for statewide updates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Mrs. Stoddard