



March 12, 2020

Dear MPS Families,

Milwaukee Public Schools values the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. The District continues to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Today, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, we will follow recommendations and guidelines set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

To help minimize the potential spread of COVID-19, MPS will implement a preventive measure by limiting nonessential participation in large gatherings.

The district may implement social distancing by making adjustments to the following types of large gatherings:

- Morning meetings
- School meals
- Recess
- School assemblies/events
- Hall passing
- Parent/teacher conferences

We are observing that a number of large conferences and events are being canceled in the coming weeks. Therefore, MPS is canceling all district sponsored out-of-state travel through the end of spring break (April 13, 2020). We encourage families to avoid nonessential out-of-state travel over the same period. We continue to assess the situation as it progresses, and we will provide additional information as it becomes available. ***Please watch for updates via the district website and social media.***

In addition, several MPS and Milwaukee Recreation events have been cancelled.

March 13–15: March of Champions Basketball Tournament involving elementary and middle school students at various locations

March 14: Competitive Swim Meet at Riverside University High School

March 16–17: Seventh Annual Summit on Black Male Youth

March 17: United Nations Schools of International Learning (UNSIL) World Fair

March 17: Elementary Adaptive Athletics Bocce Event at Vincent High School

March 21: Cheer Showcase at North Division High School

March 26: MPS STEM Fair

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith P. Posley  
Superintendent of Schools