



UPDATED CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Dear Frost Families-

As our knowledge of COVID-19 grows our response has continued to evolve. I know that we all are doing our best to adjust in the midst of sometimes conflicting recommendations, and sifting through an overload of information to separate facts from speculation can be both frustrating and exhausting. While many within the Frost community may hold differing opinions about best next steps, I am sure that we all share the same goal of keeping our students safe and healthy. At Frost we will continue to follow our school district guidelines which are aligned and continuously revised with recommendations from local, state, and national health care agencies.

One significant update this week is a change to policies for when students may return to school following an illness. New guidelines from Public Health, now posted on the [LWSD website](#), recommend that students staying home due to illness not return to school for 72 hours – 3 days – after the fever is gone and symptoms get better. This is a change from our previous policy of 24 hours. At Frost we ask that families follow this guideline to protect the health of both students and staff in our school.

Last week additional measures were communicated to families that will be applied district-wide through March 18th. During this time, the following measures will be taken at Frost:

- **Cancellation of all volunteer programs and visitations during the school day.** This includes parents joining their students for lunch in the cafeteria, helping with art projects, or being a WatchDOG. This does not include volunteers supporting before- or after-school enrichment programs. However, parents who need to drop off or pick up students can still come to the office.
- **Cancellation of all evening and weekend events.** For Frost, this has included the cancellation of some planned community meetings scheduled for next week. This does not include before- and after-school enrichment programs, which will continue as extension of the school day.
- **Cancellation or postponement of all field trips.** For Frost, this includes cancellation of the 5th grade trip to Olympia scheduled for this week.
- **Cancellation of non-LWSD building use.** For Frost, this includes evening basketball, scouts, and PTSA meetings. This would not impact field use.

If your child is currently showing any signs of illness, please keep them home and follow updated district guidelines for when they should return: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/health-services/too-sick-for-school>. Parents may also choose to keep their children home from school out of an abundance of caution. If your child will be absent for any reason, please notify the school to let us know. To excuse an absence, you can call the safe arrival line and leave a message 24/7 (425-936-2561), call the office during school hours (425-936-2560), or email the office (FrostElementarySchool@lwsd.org). If you know you will be keeping your child out longer than one day, please indicate the length of time in your message or email.

At this point there are no plans to cancel school, and teachers are continuing to move forward with instructional programs. Please note that there is no school on Friday, 3/13, as we have a previously scheduled LEAP day for teacher training. School is scheduled to resume on Monday, 3/13. Updated information will be provided through school district communications, but we will reach out to families when Frost-specific changes are needed. Updated information is also available on our school district website at www.lwsd.org. We appreciate your flexibility and support as we continue to navigate this unprecedented situation.

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