

# BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: COVID-19

Breckenridge ISD Staff, Families, and Community,

**Breckenridge ISD will be closed for students and staff on Monday, March 16, to assess the impact of COVID-19 on the district.** Campus and district administration, directors, and central office employees will be expected to report to work. The district will use the CDC's guidance, which may be found at this link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/considerations-for-school-closure.pdf>, for determining if and when the school should be closed. County Judge, Michael Roach, has reported that there are currently no cases of COVID-19 in Stephens County at this time. **School will resume as usual for staff and students on Tuesday, March 17.**

Monday will be utilized by the administration to screen faculty and staff members prior to returning to work, provide time for parents to self-report cases of exposure, and plan for the continued education of students if school must be closed in the future. If a student or staff member has been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19 or visited an area where the virus is prevalent (i.e. Italy, Japan, the State of Washington, or a cruise ship), we are asking you to report this information to the school and comply with the 14 day quarantine as is recommended by federal and state health officials.

In an effort to prevent the spread of contagious disease, Breckenridge ISD contracts with a company called GermBlast to periodically sanitize the district's facilities. GermBlast sanitized all of the Breckenridge ISD campuses over spring break. According to a company spokesman, "the shield that we apply kills odor causing bacteria, viruses, mold, and mildew for approximately 90 days". We are hopeful that this will aid in our effort to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the students and staff of Breckenridge ISD.

The health and safety for our students and staff is paramount. Students should not be at school if they are running a fever or exhibiting the symptoms of an infectious disease. **All absences incurred as a precaution for being exposed to the COVID-19 virus will be forgiven.** Children with illnesses that suppress the immune system should consult their doctor before making the determination to return to school. Employees who may be at risk should contact their supervisor.

I would like to thank each of you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.

Sincerely,

Earl Jarrett  
Interim Superintendent