

WENDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As many of you know by now, Governor Doug Ducey and Arizona State School Superintendent Kathy Hoffman have jointly announced that all schools in Arizona will be closed through March 27, 2020. It is a precautionary and a proactive move to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus. That puts Wenden Elementary School out for an additional week. During that time the office will not be open but we will be answering phones. As we continue to monitor the Coronavirus around the world and especially here in the United States, Arizona and La Paz County I want to reassure all of our students, parents and staff that Wenden Elementary School is being proactive as we hope for the best but plan for the worse. While the virus is currently not in La Paz County, Wenden Elementary School will work with the La Paz County Health Department to be prepared in case of an outbreak. As with any other virus, education is the key in helping to stop the spread of that virus.

To help prevent the spread of any virus, The Center for Disease Control (CDC) says to follow these steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water are not available use an alcohol based hand sanitizer (60% or greater)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then immediately throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (use a 1:50 bleach to water ratio) or products that are EPA approved to kill the coronavirus

COVID-19 causes symptoms ranging from mild cold like illness to severe pneumonia. Those most at risk are infants, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems.

Wenden Elementary School is working over Spring Break to sanitize and disinfect every surface in every room on campus. We are also sanitizing and disinfecting our buses. We are taking preventative measures but need the assistance of all of our families and staff to follow those steps as stated above. Nothing is 100% but once school is back in session we will continue to follow procedures should a student show signs of illness including a fever. We will isolate the child and contact parents to come and pick the child up from school. It is critical that parents keep their phone numbers updated with our office.

Sincerely,



Gloria Dean, Superintendent
Wenden Elementary School District #19