



10:30 p.m. March 8, 2020

Dear FCPS Families:

This evening Governor Beshear announced that four Kentucky residents have tested positive for COVID-19, including two residents of Harrison County, one resident of Jefferson County, and one resident of Fayette County. Our prayers remain with the patients, their families and those providing medical care.

We have been in close contact with the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department and Mayor's Office throughout the weekend to ensure a unified community response.

At this time, the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department is working with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) to identify and speak with all those who may have come in close contact with the person from Lexington. (A process called contact tracing.) These individuals will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.

Just as we do during an active flu season, our district has detailed plans to help our students, staff and families to stay healthy. Beginning Monday we will institute our next level of cleaning protocols, which include shifting staff assignments to increase the number of people available for cleaning, increasing the frequency of cleaning of all common area surfaces, holding library books for 24-hours before they are placed back into circulation and instituting additional disinfection of buses.

According to national, state and local officials, the best prevention against COVID-19 continues to be:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

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We will keep staff, families and community updated on this rapidly evolving incident. We have also established www.fcps.net/COVID19 as a resource for information about the disease and our district response.

The most up-to-date information about COVID-19 is available from the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#) and the [Lexington-Fayette County Health Department](#). The health department has established a COVID-19 hotline at (859) 899-2222 and is accepting written questions at COVID19@lfchd.org.

We will continue to keep lines of communication open.

Your Partner,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manny Caulk', written in a cursive style.

Manny Caulk, FCPS Superintendent