March 5, 2020

Dear Maricopa Families,

We understand that developments surrounding Novel Coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, may be causing some anxiety. Keep in mind, at this point, Pinal County has no reports of COVID-19 cases in our community, and risk of exposure is still considered low. MUSD is monitoring this rapidly evolving situation and is taking steps to minimize the spread of illness and prepare for any possible scenarios that could impact your child’s education.

We will continue to communicate using our telephone/email notification system, so please be sure to update your emergency contact information if phone numbers or email addresses have changed. Additionally, we will update our website with any new information that comes our way.

In the meantime, we are trying to help minimize the spread of illness on our campuses by:

- Ordering additional soap, sanitizer, tissues, and paper towels for classrooms
- Making sanitizer available in the front office, classrooms, and cafeteria
- Encouraging students to wash hands with soap throughout the day; or use hand sanitizer
- Requiring students or staff with a fever higher than 100.0 degrees to remain at home
- Ensuring if students/staff develop a fever at school, that they will be sent home and asked to remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours; if students return before the 24 hour time limit, they will be sent to the Health Office and the student will be sent home
- Ensuring students who exhibit fever or respiratory symptoms like coughing or shortness of breath are sent to the Health Office immediately; the Health Assistant will provide them a separate waiting area until a parent can pick them up
- Practicing daily cleaning of learning, eating, and play areas, as well as other frequently touched areas like door knobs, toilet handles, faucets, and light switches
- Cleaning and sanitizing restrooms throughout the day

Please know, district and school administrators are actively reviewing emergency procedures and developing a plan to help minimize the impact to your child’s academic success should we ever have to close schools.

Remember, because most people with COVID-19 have mild disease, we believe the likelihood that the Pinal County Health Department will recommend closing schools is very low, but not zero. In the unlikely chance that our schools close due to a COVID-19 outbreak, it is important for you to have a plan for child care.

Our staff will work diligently to monitor this evolving situation and provide new information to families as it becomes available.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate this together.

-MUSD Team