



SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS / OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

March 12, 2020

Dear Southampton County Schools Families:

While we are not aware of any documented cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), in Southampton County, Southampton County Public Schools is taking proactive steps for the safety, health, and well-being of our students and staff. The school division is one of the larger employers in Southampton County; as such, we serve the largest groups of people collectively during the weekdays. To minimize the risk of the spread of germs and illness, we are strongly encouraging anyone who is sick to remain home.

If your child, our student, has a documented compromised immune system or other health issues, which make them more susceptible to viruses, you have the option of keeping your child at home during this pandemic. If you choose to keep your child at home, administration and teachers will provide a continuity of learning by providing assignments, utilizing distance learning, sending self-directed learning activities, and staff prepared lesson materials. Your child will also be given an opportunity to make up any work that must be completed at the school. Kajeets (wifi mobile hotspot), iPads, and laptops will be provided as available. We will provide breakfast and lunch each school day at no cost for your child upon request. Students with documented compromised immune systems or other health issues choosing to remain home will be given excused absences.

Contact your school’s administrator if you are considering keeping your child at home so that appropriate individual plans can be put in place. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn P. Shannon, Ph.D.
Division Superintendent
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