

March 22, 2020 COVID-19 Update

School Buildings and Conf Ctr Closed for New COVID-19 Cleaning March 23-27. Distance Learning for Student and Teachers Continues through April 1.

Good evening,

We would like to provide you with an important update regarding our cleaning and disinfecting efforts after learning about a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the District.

Beginning on Monday, March 23, all District Facilities (FXH, LOMS and the Conference Center) will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with CDC regulations. Our schedule for cleaning and disinfecting our buildings is as follows:

Monday, March 23rd- LOMS

Tuesday, March 24th- FXH & Conference Center

The District has contracted with Belfor Property Restoration Inc. for special biohazard decontamination of our facilities. Belfor's professional services will include the following:

As per CDC guidelines, Belfor will wipe down all "high touch" surface areas with a disinfectant (desk/table tops, desk/table sides, desk/table bottoms, desk/table legs, entire chairs, handrails, light switches, elevator buttons, cabinet handles, thermostats, etc. essentially anything someone might touch). Once all high touch point areas are cleaned and disinfected, they will electrostatically spray the entire space with disinfectant spray.

Electrostatic spray uses a specialized solution that is combined with air and atomized by an electrode inside the sprayer. Subsequently, the spray contains positively charged particles that are able to aggressively adhere to surfaces and objects. Because the particles in the spray are positively charged, they cling to and coat any surface they're aimed at, including the bottom of desks, tables, chairs etc.

Belfor will use Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant and other disinfectants approved by the CDC to treat and kill the novel coronavirus.

Please know that we continue to be in contact with the Department of Health and will update you as necessary, following their guidance or any additional information they may provide regarding their case investigation with respect to our employee with COVID-19.

We do not plan to open the two school buildings throughout this week (March 23-27). The Conference Center building will be closed until Thursday, March 26 at 9 AM when we hope to re-open it in order to ensure continuity of operations with a skeletal crew.

We hope to re-open LOMS to resume our grab and go food distribution for students eligible for free meals on Monday, March, 30, unless this can continue with our Long Beach partners. We continue to operate with the understanding that students and teachers will continue to work from home through the closure as mandated by Governor Cuomo. We will notify you immediately, should these dates change.

As always, the safety and well-being of our school community is our utmost priority. We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time.

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