Coronavirus Prevention and Contingency Measures

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
• Dedicated website at http://covid19.dadeschools.net/

• District Emergency Operations Hotline – 305-995-3000

• Various communications to parents and employees

• Development and dissemination of FAQs/flyers

• Ongoing social media messaging

• Media outreach
M-DCPS has aligned local practices to CDC’s guidelines for COVID-19 mitigation.

The District has advised of self-isolation protocols for students if they may have had direct or indirect exposure to the virus, either by recently returning from an area with a current advisory or residing in the same household as an individual who returned from said area.

Perfect attendance incentives and recognitions for students have been suspended. Students will be held harmless for absences due to medical reasons for the remainder of the school year.

New Student Service Centers have been established for registration of students from abroad.
Field Trips & Activities

- All out-of-country field trips have been canceled until further notice.

- Based on guidance provided by the Florida Department of Education, an immediate moratorium has been placed on all out-of-state air travel.

- In-county as well as in-state field trips, athletic events and activities not requiring air travel are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- Elections scheduled in Miami-Dade County on Tuesday, March 17, will proceed with enhanced safety and sanitation protocols.
District Employees

- Consulted with UTD and AFSCME, and follow-up sessions have been scheduled with other groups.
- Exploring LOU to provide flexibility as needed.
- Prospective out-of-county travel will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Employees who opt to travel to areas under Advisory Levels 2 and 3 will be required to self-quarantine, and absences will be charged as appropriate in consultation with the site administrator.
- Possible secondary exposure issues will be referred to the District’s Emergency Operations Command Center.
- Guidance and counseling provided via the Employee Assistance Program.
Business Operations

- Payroll (hourly employees, reporting of hours, etc.) is prepared for any contingency.

- Volunteers and contracted entities entering schools have been asked to abide by CDC and M-DCPS guidelines.

- Facilities rentals are contingent on risk assessment.

- Contingency plans have been developed for food distribution, if needed.
School Facilities & Buses

- Reminded principals of school cleaning protocols.
- Collaborated with AFSCME to retrain head and lead custodians on the contagious disease cleaning protocols.
- Three Plant Operations Emergency Response Teams ready for deployment along with Environmental Service Contractors.
- Acquired 12 new electrostatic sprayers to apply hospital-grade germicidal detergent, wipes and non-alcohol hand sanitizers.
- Transportation has cleaning supplies and is training staff on bus disinfection protocol.
- S&D has acquired a three-month supply of cleaning materials.
• The District’s Emergency Operations Hotline has been activated – 305-995-3000

• The District’s Emergency Command Center will be staffed by District Critical Incident Response Team (DCIRT) members and healthcare professionals.

• Team members will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

• DCIRT members will receive information from stakeholders, and resources will be deployed as appropriate.
DISTANCE LEARNING PREPARATIONS

• Created the Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP)
• Developed ICP website: http://icp.dadeschools.net
• Notified parents regarding mobile device survey
• Surveying students about technology needs at home
• Communicated with partners for content and internet access
• Scheduled webinars for teachers and students on accessing core content
• Met with Union officials & set up online course (MPPs)
• Working with Microsoft to roster students
CONTENT DELIVERY

- Students will have access to digital materials and instructional activities to remain engaged in learning during the time schools may remain closed.
- Digital resources will be designated as “Core Materials” or “Supplemental Materials.” Core Materials will be used as the main instructional programs for all students in the designated grade levels and “Supplemental Materials” will be available for enhancement/enrichment activities, conducting research or recreational reading.

MOBILE DEVICES

- Students in grades K-12 will be surveyed to determine if they have a need for a mobile device at home to access instructional activities.
- Schools will check out mobile devices to those students or parents who have indicated they need a mobile device for use at home.
- Schools will use their current inventory of mobile devices, including devices in carts, to check out to students.
- Mobile devices must be checked out using the Asset Tracking Management System.

INTERNET ACCESS

- To date, the District has distributed over 11,000 phones, through the 1 Million Project, to high school students who can use them as hotspots to access digital resources.
- The District has secured an additional 200 phones to distribute, if necessary.
- The District is investigating partnerships with service providers to provide internet access to students while schools are closed.