



Hello Mesa Public Schools staff and families,

Coronavirus is an unexpected and unprecedented situation that requires us all to make balanced judgments. In collaboration with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, the district continues to monitor and evaluate our practices and decisions regarding safe and healthy environments for our students and staff.

Student and staff travel

District leadership has adopted [recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) regarding travel to [Level 3 areas](#), which state all individuals who have traveled to Level 3 countries will be asked to stay home for 14 days upon returning to the U.S.

Parents should notify their child's school of any travel to a [Level 3 area](#) including when their 14-day home stay will end. The school will excuse their absences for that period and will work with students on an individual basis to provide access to coursework.

Staff should notify their supervisor of any travel plans to a Level 3 area. The district will work with employees on an individual basis to determine what accommodations will be needed to cover job responsibilities during their absence.

Out-of-state and overnight field trips

Many field trips are scheduled between now and the end of the school year. We are hopeful all field trips will proceed as planned. To ensure the safety of our students and staff, field trip locations will be monitored and any decisions to modify travel will be based on local, state and national health agency recommendations. Families will receive updated information closer to travel time.

Cleaning and other preventative measures

The district continues to practice enhanced cleaning measures. In addition, the district will conduct disinfectant routines on school buses.

Guidance for staff and students continues to be that they should stay home if they are sick. Children and adults are recommended to stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of fever without using acetaminophen or ibuprofen. This reduces the number of people who may get infected.

By working together and [committing to preventative measures](#), we can keep our community safe. Learn recommended practices to stay healthy and more at mpsaz.org/beprepared.