

## To Our Students, Parents, Employees and Community

The Florida Department of Health in Manatee County has confirmed two cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) associated with our schools. Those schools are Lakewood Ranch High School and Sugg Middle School.

- It is critically important that information pertaining to any individual identified to have COVID-19 is completely confidential as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Please see the information below regarding the closure of Lakewood Ranch and Sugg Middle – and the reasoning for when they will be cleared for employees to return.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the incubation period for COVID-19 is between 2 to 14 days. The incubation period represents the time between when a person contracts a virus and when symptoms begin.
- A recent report by the “Annals of Internal Medicine” stated that 97 percent of people who contract COVID-19 show symptoms within 11.5 days of exposure; and the average incubation appears to be around five days.
- The start date for the 14-day incubation period is the day following the last verified date a confirmed case was physically present at a school or support site.
- The start date for the 14-day incubation period at Lakewood Ranch High School was determined as Thursday, March 12, 2020.
- That means the 14-day incubation period at Lakewood Ranch High School would conclude on March 25, 2020, meaning employees could return to work as soon as Thursday, March 26, 2020.
- Please remember each school and support site was scrubbed and cleaned with a viricidal cleaner that destroys viruses during spring break and our schools and support sites continue to be cleaned with the same viricidal cleaner routinely.
- The start date for the 14-day incubation period at Sugg Middle School was determined as Friday, March 13, 2020.
- That means the 14-day incubation period for Sugg Middle School would conclude on March 26, 2020, meaning employees could return to work as soon as Friday, March 27, 2020.
- The Florida Department of Health is responsible for investigating confirmed cases and will contact anyone who needs to be contacted regarding the investigation.