

ICSD Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance



Is the ICSD cancelling certain events held in ICSD facilities?

Yes. Beginning today, March 12, 2020, we are **cancelling all non-scholastic events until at least April 17, 2020.**

This includes any large indoor event (ICSD or otherwise), and non-ICSD events/meetings held on our campuses.

All school-sponsored events listed in the table below will continue until further notice.

Continuing	Cancelled
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● ICSD-sponsored classes (including zero through 9th periods)● ICSD-sponsored after school sports (including travel games)● ICSD-sponsored outdoor sporting events● ICSD-sponsored after school clubs● ICSD-sponsored after school rehearsals● ICSD-sponsored Extended Day programming● ICSD-sponsored breakfast and lunch in school cafeterias● OCFS-licensed after school programs which utilize ICSD facilities● ICSD-sponsored staff, PLC and other school-related meetings● ICSD-sponsored professional development● Board of Education voting and committee meetings (information regarding public comment logistics will be forthcoming)● SAT administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Any large gathering held indoors● ICSD-sponsored indoor sporting events● ICSD-sponsored indoor fine and performing arts events● ANY non-ICSD-sponsored events, meetings, programs, etc.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PTA Enrichment, meetings, other events○ IYB programming for students○ Cornell and IC programming for students○ etc.● Board of Education Advisory Councils, Community Conversations

Regularly scheduled classes are, at this time, not being cancelled. While we understand that such cancellations are disruptive and disappointing, it is essential that we prioritize both the health and safety of our school district community as well as those visiting from elsewhere.

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What about large gatherings of students and staff during the school day?

Breakfast and lunch will continue as normal, with handwashing and/or hand sanitizer use strongly encouraged and monitored. Staff and PLC meetings will continue as normal; again, we encourage practicing good personal hygiene. Other indoor large gatherings of students and staff are to be suspended immediately. These include assemblies, morning programs, celebrations of learning, talent shows, etc.

What about large gatherings of families, students, staff after or during the school day?

Large **indoor** gatherings such as assemblies, morning programs, celebrations of learning, talent shows, etc. during the school day and after school are cancelled.

What about *students* going on field trips or participating in other types of travel?

At this time, the ICSD is postponing or cancelling all ICSD-sponsored student field trips or travel of any kind outside of our STAC region: Tompkins, Tioga, Seneca, Chemung counties. Please cancel all registrations for previously scheduled field trips in a timely manner.

What about *staff* going to conferences or professional development?

We are strongly discouraging all domestic travel, and encourage staff to

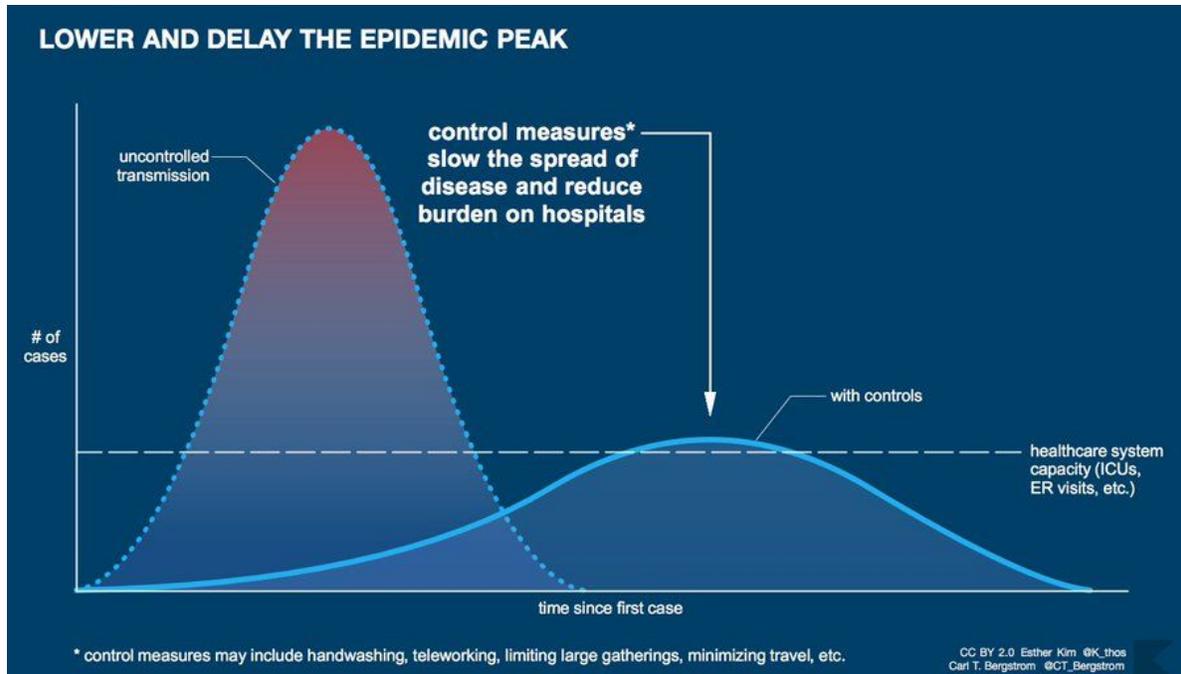
- Gather information on the steps required to, and implications of, cancelling or postponing (e.g. can payments to vendors be reimbursed? What are penalties or fees for cancellation? What is the timeline for cancellation? Who will need to be contacted?)
- Consider whether alternative or contingency plans may be an option, if required (e.g. is the conference offered at another time?).

What are nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs)?

Nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) are actions, apart from getting vaccinated and/or taking medicine, that organizations can take to help slow the spread of illnesses.

A number of NPIs are part of our policies and regular operating procedures, such as contacting parents to pick up ill children and keeping them at home for a recommended time period, providing hand washing and respiratory etiquette education, and limiting large gatherings.

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Why is the ICSD implementing these measures?

We have been working in collaboration with local health authorities and experts in the field, and are grateful for their guidance.

“Public health experts tell us that there are two phases to controlling a pandemic. The first is containment; you try to limit the geographic spread of the disease through steps like quarantining and contact tracing. For COVID-19 in the United States, we are beyond the point of containment. You then shift to the second phase: mitigation. Here, the goal is to slow the spread of the disease. This accomplishes several things. It buys time to put in place strategies to help the most vulnerable (e.g., meal deliveries that allow older adults to stay at home). It buys time for seasonal change impacts, as warm weather may reduce transmission of this virus. It buys time to develop medical interventions and possibly even vaccines. And, most importantly, it distributes the cases of illness over time, preventing health care systems from being overwhelmed. This is particularly crucial to saving lives.

The best way that we can mitigate the spread of COVID-19 is through social distancing. Simply put, you work to minimize the number of interactions that provide the opportunity for the disease to spread. So, to the extent possible, you limit or eliminate large groups of people coming together and you try to minimize the number of people congregating in close settings.” - Martha E. Pollack (President of Cornell University)

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