Notice from the Superintendent of Schools:

The Rawlins County USD 105 School District Administration has been in contact with the Rawlins County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas State Department of Education relative to details about COVID-19, or Coronavirus.

This information will be shared and discussed at the school board meeting on March 16th. Some of the key facts are:

* As of Thursday, March 12, 2020 the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has reported that there are 3 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Kansas. In each of these cases, the individuals have all traveled outside the State of Kansas and returned.
* The Kansas State Department of Education has notified school districts across the State that it will be best to continue school at this point, unless there is an outbreak of illness. Any missed days will need to be made up.
* Information indicates that the best defense against COVID-19 is practicing good hygiene habits, including washing your hands, covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing, decreasing close contact particularly with those exhibiting signs of an illness.
* It is more likely that COVID-19 will spread to an area when individuals have traveled long distances outside of the State and then returned back to that area.
* The Kansas State Department of Education is recommending that school districts discourage student and staff travel outside of the State. Whether this will affect any upcoming school trips will be discussed and determined by the school board.
* Information from Health Agencies strongly discourage family travel, especially during spring break, to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.

Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to the Rawlins County USD 105 Superintendent’s Office or the Rawlins County Health Department. For more information relative to the impact of COVID-19, please visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus>. A Family Action Plan is one of the many informative resources on this website.

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