



EASTCONN

Celebrating 40 Years 1980-2020

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

Over the past few days, the Governor's Office, Commissioner of Education and Local Health Officials have been providing districts with information and guidance to address the COVID-19 virus. EASTCONN is closely monitoring all information and updates. At this time there are no identified cases of COVID-19 in our region.

EASTCONN is working with our region's three health departments to determine the need to close our schools and/or programs. Should EASTCONN decide to close schools and/or programs, we will follow the recommendations provided to us from the State Department of Education to close for up to two weeks and then make up the missed days to meet the required 180 days. In the event of closure, possible options for making up missed days include using April vacation days and/or adding additional days in June.

Following proactive health recommendations, schools have been asked to practice social distancing protocols and to reduce or eliminate large gatherings to help slow the spread of the virus. EASTCONN administration has reviewed all events through the end of the school year. As a result of that review, the following proactive actions are taking place:

1. All out-of-state and out-of-country trips through April 30th have been canceled. Events beyond that date will be reevaluated as we approach late April. Families and students will receive information directly from the organizers of those events.
2. In-state field trips to large venue gatherings, such as to college campuses or theaters, have been canceled.
3. Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT) magnet high school performances and events are being addressed case-by-case, based on attendance history.
4. Additional cleaning products have been purchased for all schools and programs and routine daily sanitizing is taking place.
5. Posters and reminders of the best health practices for the protection of the spread of germs are in place at all EASTCONN sites.

Information is constantly evolving and being updated. For important Health Updates and How to Access IT Services when off-site, go to the EASTCONN Employee Intranet. For the most up-to-date information regarding EASTCONN events and programs, please check the school or program websites and follow our social media platforms. For best health practices, continue to monitor the www.cdc.org.

We will continue to provide updates as we learn more.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Mala". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Gary Mala
EASTCONN Executive Director