



FCFT Members,

As you no doubt have seen in news reports, coronavirus infection has now spread to the U.S. and we are concerned about the potential impact on Americans—our families and communities, and our healthcare, public employee and education members who care for our communities.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers has provided preparatory and precautionary materials on our [web-page](#) and our National Organization, The American Federation of Teachers has been updating locals and members for weeks. This past weekend AFT has worked closely with affected communities outside of Fairfax County Public Schools. They have members who are caring for people with confirmed cases of COVID-19, many who are caring for suspected cases, and members who already are addressing potential exposure in these schools. More than 200 healthcare professionals and public safety workers have been pulled off duty in these communities, and that number is growing.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed cases in California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin.

The Fairfax County Federation of Teachers is working with FCPS to determine what policies and protocols are in place to ensure our district is prepared in accordance with the best practices and prevailing standards. As well prepared for a potential major disruption in the school year; and questions about public employees and disruption in work schedules.

[You can find all of AFT's current coronavirus resources here.](#)

And don't forget the four P's: prepare, use precaution, don't profile and don't panic.

In unity,

Tina Williams

President of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers

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