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Washington State PTA Closes Tacoma Office – Goes Virtual

Tacoma, WA (March 12, 2020): Based on Governor Inslee’s request that businesses offer telecommuting options to employees, the Washington State Parent Teacher Association (WSPTA) is closing its Tacoma office amid the concern and anxiety around the outbreak of COVID-19 in the state of Washington and across the world. Staff will work virtually until further notice.

“WSPTA staff members are highly valued by the board of directors, local PTA leaders and members. Their health and safety are of paramount importance. And, to ensure the continued levels of support needed by our dynamic association, we will take all precautions necessary.” said WSPTA President Janice Kutzera. “Members and leaders can still contact staff via email and phone during normal business hours. However, visits to the office will be by appointment only.”

This remains an incredibly fast-developing situation. Washington State PTA is advising each local PTA to keep in contact with their district’s administration and monitor the district websites for updates. In addition, we recommend that they go to the Department of Health (<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>) for the most up-to-date information for the state. The WSPTA website and its social media channels will continue to be a source of updated information, as the association’s leadership continues to monitor the constantly changing circumstances surrounding the outbreak.

Washington State PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the state of Washington. Since 1905 we have been advocating to improve the health, safety, well-being and education of all children. In addition, National PTA has provided resources for all parents at <https://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/health/flu-prevention> which families may find helpful in reviewing for tips and ideas to stop the spread of germs.

About Washington State PTA: Washington State PTA was founded in 1905 by Abby Williams Hill of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington's children. Thanks to her leadership and vision—and over 125,000 current members who have carried her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for more than 114 years. To learn more about the Washington State PTA, please visit www.wastatepta.org.

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