



Friends,

As you know the Coronavirus has made its way to us in Michigan. We knew it was only a matter of time. At the Grand Traverse Conservation District, we are following the CDC's and health officials' recommendations closely, to make sure we do our part in containing the virus.

Our Governor Gretchen Whitmer has instituted a mandatory three-week closure of all Michigan K-12 school buildings late Thursday night. They are scheduled to reopen on April 6th.

At this point, we feel the prudent and responsible thing to do is to close the Nature Center, starting on Monday March 16th, for the same duration, and cancel our programs and public meetings/events. Updates, as they become available will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

This is not a decision we make lightly, as we recognize that it will impact many of our constituents. It is a necessary and careful step. For the time being, the District's staff will be working remotely.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We will keep you posted as things evolve.

Stay healthy.

Regards,

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Koffi Kpachavi
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