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Dear Pirate Community,

Macks Creek School is closely monitoring the [COVID-19](#) (coronavirus) outbreak and is taking appropriate steps to ensure the safety of our students, employees and visitors. Currently, Missouri does not have reported cases of the illness but bordering states (Illinois) have reported cases. This document contains information and links to additional resources to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The coronavirus is a respiratory illness that can easily spread from person to person. The most important thing to remember is to avoid people that are ill and wash your hands well with soap and water, as well as using hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Our school will continue to deeply clean and sanitize our campus and buses as we have throughout the entire influenza season. Parents and guardians can help by utilizing the information below to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses within our school community.

**How parents can help:**

- Encourage everyone in your household to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Keep your child home if he/she is sick.
- Encourage everyone in your household to cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

To learn more about how the virus has impacted children please use following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

If you or your child develop [symptoms](#) associated with the COVID-19 (fever, cough and other respiratory illness) you each should be evaluated by a health care professional as soon as possible.

We will continue to update our community as needed.

Sincerely,

*Josh Phillips*

Superintendent of Schools

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**Empowering life-long innovative learners to be responsible citizens: equipped for success in an ever-changing world.**