

Northwestern School Corporation

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Northwestern School Corporation would like to assure our parents/guardians that we are taking the necessary precautions and reviewing our pandemic preparedness plan regarding the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) to keep our students healthy and safe. Currently, there are **no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our school or Howard County.**

Health officials are encouraging schools to provide general information and prevention recommendations to raise awareness of COVID-19 and everyday actions everyone can take to prevent the spread of illness. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends **everyday preventive measures** to control the spread of illnesses. These include:

- **Wash your hands** often using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes** with unwashed hands.
- **Cover your mouth** and nose with coughs and sneezes with a tissue or inside of your elbow.
- **Stay home** when you are sick.
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Outbreaks are always troublesome and we realize that parents and students might be nervous about this virus and its potential effect on our schools and communities. Be assured that we are aware of these concerns and are proactively working to insure our schools are safe, clean working environments for all students and staff.

For more information: More information about COVID-19 is available at:

- www.in.gov/isdh
- www.cdc.gov/covid-19

How Sick is Too Sick? An information sheet designed as general guidance on when to send your child to school. If you have a medical question, please consult your physician.

