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Dear Parents and Families,

You have likely seen a lot of recent media attention on the coronavirus. The following information is provided to help prevent the transmission and spread of coronavirus.

The virus, like many other illnesses including the flu, is spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) via coughing or sneezing. The same good health habits that prevent other viruses like the flu, also prevent the spread of coronavirus and decrease the risk of getting sick:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, with 60% alcohol, if soap and water are not available.
- Cough into a tissue or your elbow (not your hand), then throw tissue away and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick and stay home when you are sick.
- Keep students home if they are running a temperature or they report not feeling well or appear weak or ill.
- If students have had a fever, they must be fever free with no medication for 24 hours before returning to school
- Although the state department requires us to report all absences, and does not allow "excused" absences, please call if your child is home sick; this allows us to review records for the benefit of your child
- Consult your healthcare provider if you or your child has health conditions that put you at increased risk.

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Additional guidance provided to districts from the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) on prevention, planning, and how to respond to [coronavirus can be found on the CDC website.](#)

We all have a role to play in keeping students, staff, and families healthy and safe. You can help by staying informed, practicing good hygiene, and staying home or keeping children home if they have been running a fever or are exhibiting signs of a fever.

As happens during flu season, we continually disinfect classrooms, hallways, doorknobs, busses, and other student areas. We have increased efforts in this area, and will continue through the end of the school year. I am receiving regular updates from the Cleveland County Health Department regarding the Corona Virus and the spread thereof. I will continue to monitor the situation and will work closely with professionals in this area to handle any exposure appropriately.

Sincerely,

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