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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Oologah-Talala Public Schools, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and to let you know that the District has a plan in place in the event that an outbreak would occur in Oklahoma.

Across the United States, there has been a growing number of confirmed cases of coronavirus and only one in Oklahoma. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Rogers County Health Department, Oklahoma Health Department and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in Oklahoma.

As of this writing, there has been only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Oklahoma. However, the flu season is still in process, so we encourage our students, staff and families to be mindful of key preventive measures.

We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- If children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. Allow them some time to feel better so that they do not risk infecting others.

In addition, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class after any illness. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

Please know that our District is already making preparations in the event that schools would need to be closed because of an outbreak. We are looking at options that might include schoolwork sent home in packets to students doing schoolwork from home using online resources. We will work with the State Department of Education to determine flexibilities in the event that COVID-19 has a more direct impact on Oklahoma and our schools. If you have any questions, please contact your child's Principal.

Sincerely,

Max Tanner  
Superintendent