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### CORONAVIRUS MONITORING LETTER

Dear Parents, Students, & Families,

This letter is being provided to update you on Lansing School District 158's monitoring of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Our top priority is the safety, health, and wellbeing of our students, staff, and families and we are closely following the latest developments and guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). At this time, these organizations have indicated that the overall risk of COVID-19 to Illinois and Cook County residents is low and have not recommended cancelling school. However, as with any global outbreak, situations can evolve rapidly and recommendations are subject to change. District 158 remains committed to approaching this public health concern with caution and providing you with current information regarding COVID-19.

We have taken several actions to help you feel confident about the health and safety of your students while at school. First, District 158 has significantly enhanced our cleaning and sanitation efforts – frequently cleaning and disinfecting touch points, bathrooms, desks, water fountains, tables, and other areas of our buildings multiple times per day. Second, we are providing an abundance of anti-bacterial soap in all hand-washing stations and hand sanitizers throughout all areas of our schools. Finally, our faculty and staff have taken a proactive approach to educating and reminding everyone in our buildings about good hygiene practices and rigorous, frequent hand washing. Please use the following non-pharmaceutical, everyday interventions to help prevent illnesses and the spreading of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases:

- Stay home from school or work if sick or if you have been exposed to a sick household member
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and wear a face mask at mass gatherings
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Review travel advisories from the federal government when planning travel

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit websites for the IDHR (<http://dph.illinois.gov>), CCDPH ([www.cookcountypublichealth.org](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org)), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)). Additional questions can be directed to the offices of any of your students' schools.

Sincerely,

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