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Colleagues,

Student, staff and family health, safety and well-being are our highest priorities. As such, with the recently elevated discussion regarding the Coronavirus, the United States, and public institutions, including schools, we want to take a moment to reinforce best-practice preventative safety measures and reference our working process, decision-making, and communication in the extreme event of a virus infection affecting ACHS and/or LCHS. Finally, we are sharing and resharing some additional resource information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. As with any respiratory virus, students and school personnel can protect themselves and others by taking every day common-sense actions:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

At this point, IDPH does NOT recommend:

- the use of masks or gloves
- canceling mass gatherings
- canceling classes

LCHD continues to work with related federal, state, and local agencies to monitor the Coronavirus and share critical information among those agencies. In the extreme event of a virus detection that might impact ACHS and/or LCHS, LCHD would take the immediate lead in assessment, advice, and direction, up to and including decision-making and communication in conjunction with district officials. Rest assured, we would follow the direction and recommendations of our public health officials. In light of February 25 CDC comments regarding a possible Coronavirus outbreak affecting schools and advising schools to plan ahead for a virus-related closing. Currently, CHSD 117 does not have a state-approved eLearning Plan, so in the extreme event of a necessary school closing, we would utilize our planned 5 emergency days that are a part of our District Calendar.

We will continue to work closely with LCHD regarding the Coronavirus and other infectious diseases, and we will continue to share important information with you as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Jim McKay - Superintendent of Schools - District 117



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Community High School District 117, being a community of learners with a vision of excellence, is committed to providing an educational experience that encourages all learners to develop to their fullest potential, to engage in lifelong learning, and to be responsible members of society

