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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We have been monitoring the alerts from the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention associated with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Guidance from these organizations advise that the best way to prevent infection is to remain informed about the virus and avoid being exposed to this virus.

We are asking all families and staff to take the same precautions they would during any flu season, including the following:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into a sleeve (cough into your elbow)
- Avoiding touching of the eyes, nose and mouth
- Staying home from school and work when sick
- Adhering to exclusion recommendations: fever free for 24 hours

This is an evolving public health situation. We will continue to monitor risk criteria in support with our local and state health departments. Our school nurses and administrators are working closely with the Warren County Health Department and with the New Jersey Department of Education and will follow any guidelines and recommendations as they are released.

As with each flu season, our district continues to follow enhanced procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting. This includes disinfecting door handles at regular intervals throughout the day, disinfecting classrooms with single-use cleaning pads to prevent the spread of germs from room to room, and disinfecting desks and surfaces after use.

Parents should notify the school nurse prior to having their child return to school if their family has recently traveled to a country impacted by COVID-19.

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit the following websites:

New Jersey Department of Health:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/news/2020/approved/20200128a.shtml>

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/2019nCoV_k12schools.pdf

Centers for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Keith Neuhs
Superintendent

