

March 1, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff members,

With the heightened concern about the Corona Virus, we want to ensure parents and staff members of the school district's efforts to monitor, and prepare for, a potential outbreak. We understand that many families travel over school vacations and some, may have, visited areas or regions where the virus or flu is active.

PREVENTION

As a reminder, and as with most viruses, there are preventative measures that can be taken, both at home and at school. For instance:

- Washing hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub
- Covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Staying home from school when sick with cold or flu-like symptoms or if not feeling well
- Avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Disinfecting surfaces on a regular basis

PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE

Should a student or staff member believe he or she has been exposed to the virus or the flu, the following protocol (along with the preventative measures listed above) should be followed:

- Stay home and avoid public places when sick (i.e. social distancing)
- Avoid being within 6 feet (close contact) of a person who is sick
- Avoid sharing drinks, or other utensils or objects that may transmit saliva
- Do not return to school unless fever free for a full 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications

Students or staff members who have traveled to China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, Japan or Hong Kong over the February break are asked to notify their building principal for specific return-to-school procedures. Should any student or staff member be diagnosed with the Corona Virus, Center for Disease Control protocol shall be followed.

We believe the best defense for limiting students and staff exposure to viruses and the flu is to communicate and educate about the risks and preventions. Important and up to date information about the virus can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>. We will continue to provide updates as needed.

Sincerely,



Dr. Earl Metzler,
Superintendent of Schools