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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Recent information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that more cases of COVID-19 “are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States.” As such, we are monitoring alerts from the CDC about the possibility of the spread of the Coronavirus within the United States and are continuing to follow the latest guidance posted by the [New Jersey Department of Education](#) and the [New Jersey Department of Health](#).

Our district has a policy in place that guides us through these types of circumstances. [District Policy 8451 - Control of Communicable Disease](#) outlines clear procedures and steps that we must follow in any infectious disease situation. This policy requires that we comply with all regulations of the New Jersey Department of Health and Monmouth County Board of Health. These offices govern the prevention, control, and reporting of all communicable diseases. While these protocols are in place, we recognize that COVID-19 has the potential to lead to an unprecedented situation that may call for additional collaboration and compliance with directive from local and state agencies.

According to the CDC, “While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, everyone can do their part to help us respond to this emerging public health threat.” The CDC suggests that you can take active measures to maintain respiratory health. As a parent/guardian, you can help by taking the following steps:

- Help your child to develop the habit of washing her/his hands regularly.
- Tell your child to avoid touching her/his face, especially noses and eyes.
- Encourage and demonstrate for your child how to cough or sneeze into a tissue or into the inside of her/his elbow.
- Remind your child that if they are not feeling well, or exhibit flu-like symptoms while in school, they should visit the nurse immediately.

The district will remain vigilant in ensuring our buildings and buses are sanitized. We will continue to monitor information provided by the CDC about cases of the coronavirus within the United States and are following current guidance provided by the New Jersey Department Education and the New Jersey Department of Health. We will post any updated information that we receive from these agencies on our district website

If you or someone in your family doesn’t feel well, please seek out a healthcare provider. For the latest information, please visit the New Jersey Department of Health website linked above.

Lastly, we ask that you verify your contact information in parent portal to ensure you are receiving notifications from our school district. If you need assistance with this, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Information that is disseminated will also be available on the district homepage of our website.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Majka, J.D.
Superintendent of Schools