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IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

Edison Township School District is diligently working to safeguard our students' health and to ensure your children are ready to learn in school every day. We understand you may be concerned about how the current outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus in Asia will impact our school community. Edison Township School District is monitoring all updates from local, state, and federal health agencies regarding viral outbreaks, including the coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that there is a low risk to the American public from the coronavirus at this time. For the latest information, you can visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

The following steps are recommended by the CDC and encouraged by the Edison Township School District's staff to help protect you and your family from viral illnesses, including the flu and coronavirus:

- 1. Wash your hands!** Frequent hand-washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is one of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Remind your child to wash his or her hands:
 - Before eating food
 - After using the toilet
 - After blowing his or her nose, coughing, or sneezing
- 2. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.** Teach your child to cough or sneeze into a tissue — then toss it. If it isn't possible to reach a tissue in time, remind your child to cough or sneeze into the crook of his or her arm.
- 3. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.** Remind your child that germs spread this way.
- 4. Stay home if you are sick, especially with a fever.** The district adheres to Board Policy and the exclusion recommendations from public health agencies. *Please note based on public health agencies recommendations, students must remain fever free for 24-hours without fever reducing medications. In addition, doctors' notes for return to school do not supplant public health agency recommendations.*
- 5. Avoid people who are sick.** When possible, help or encourage your child to avoid close contact with anyone who is sick.
- 6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.**
- 7. MOST IMPORTANTLY- GET THE FLU SHOT; IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BE PROTECTED.**

If you plan to travel abroad, be sure all immunizations, including the flu vaccine, are up to date. Please review the CDC travel advisory prior to traveling. <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/>

If your children do get sick, talk to a doctor or school nurse about whether they should come to school and when it is okay for them to return. Above all, let us know how we can help.

Working cooperatively, we can mitigate any risks to our students and maintain a healthy educational environment.

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