



# Public Schools of Edison Township

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Dear Edison Families,

The nation is in the early stages of an outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is spreading throughout China and across several other countries around the world. We understand that many of you may have questions regarding how it may impact Americans and more specifically how it may impact our community. The district is working in conjunction with the local health department and other state and local agencies to ensure that we have the most current information to share with the public. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing daily updates and recommendations. Please click on the following link to stay updated <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/guidance-hcp.html>.

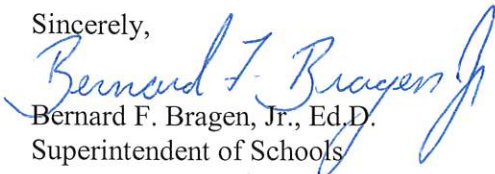
Please understand that the CDC continues to believe **the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time**. Still we recognize that this is a serious public health situation, and please be rest assured that the district has a plan to support the staff and students in the event that the coronavirus impacts our schools or community. The district along with the local health officials ask that you follow some simple precautions, as you would, to help reduce the effect of the seasonal flu and strep infections:

- Practice good hygiene to help prevent the spread of illness and disease. (Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Use Alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. When coughing and sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. You can also cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Throw used tissues in the trash and immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.)
- Practice other good health habits: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.
- Most importantly staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick, and avoid close contact with people who are sick whenever possible.

**It is important to keep children home from school when they are ill.** If your child has any of the following please keep them home from school: temperature greater than 100, coughing/upper respiratory illness, vomiting, diarrhea, any rash not yet diagnosed by a physician, red or pink itchy eye, and/or drainage from eye, and any contagious illness such as chicken pox, strep throat or flu.

We all recognize that the COVID-19 is evolving and there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Edison. We are following the situation and news closely and will continue to update you as information is shared with district. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding, and support. If you have any questions about when to keep your child home from school, please contact your school nurse for assistance and guidance.

Sincerely,

  
Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D.  
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