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Dear District 95 Parents and Guardians,

As you may have heard, the Center for Disease Controls (CDC) released a statement yesterday regarding the potential for the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. We want to make you aware of some important information about prevention and symptoms of Coronavirus.

Prevention

The Lake County Health Department, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) advise the following measures to help prevent the spread of Coronaviruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If no soap and water are available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

In order to limit prevention of all communicable diseases, we need your cooperation. It is imperative that students and staff showing any symptoms of illness stay home.

To help avoid the spread of disease, District 95 has increased cleanliness measures in our buildings and buses to include:

- Increased daily wipe downs of classroom surface areas
- Increased daily bus interior wipe downs
- Use of electrostatic cleaning tools in schools
- Hand sanitizer available to students and staff at all schools

Symptoms

Here are the symptoms of the Coronavirus according to the Lake County Health Department:

Common human coronaviruses usually cause mild to moderate upper-respiratory tract illnesses, like the common cold. These illnesses usually only last for a short amount of time. Symptoms may include:

- runny nose
- headache
- cough
- sore throat
- fever
- a general feeling of being unwell

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Human coronaviruses can sometimes cause lower-respiratory tract illnesses, such as pneumonia or bronchitis.

Planning and Preparation

As a school district, we continue to follow our policies and procedures to ensure our preparedness in the event of an outbreak. We are in communication with the Lake County Health Department, the Regional Office of Education, and other local and regional agencies working to ensure public health and safety. We will follow the direction of the Lake County Health Department and other health agencies like the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) should Coronavirus develop in our area. IDPH does NOT recommend the use of masks or gloves, cancelling mass gatherings, or cancelling classes ***Nonetheless, it is advisable that parents give advanced thought to childcare plans and/or alternate work plans should your child need to stay home from school due to illness or school closures.***

For more information please visit the following websites:

[Lake County Health Department](#)

[Centers for Disease Control – Fact Sheet \(English\)](#)

[Centers for Disease Control – Fact Sheet \(Spanish\)](#)

Sincerely,

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