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Dear Novi Community School District Stakeholder,

Today, the CDC and Oakland County have revised their level 3 countries to include China, South Korea, Iran, and Italy. The guideline for level 3 countries are that people coming into the United States from these countries are to be quarantined for 14 days from the time they land in the U.S.

So what does that mean for us, the Novi Community School District. Families and students who return from China, South Korea, Iran, and Italy will not be allowed to return to school until 14 days after they have landed in the United States. This fits with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation.

At this time, these are the only countries on which the CDC is placing this restriction. If the CDC changes their recommendation, we will modify our practice. We have added a <u>Coronavirus</u> <u>webpage</u> to our <u>School Heath webpage</u>. There are links to the CDC and the Oakland County Health Department for more timely updates.

We are urging all families and staff to help us by following simple, yet effective strategies:

- Remain at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.

We will be continually working with our school nurse, the Oakland County Health Department, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that we stay up-to-date, to keep you up-to-date, and engage in best practice.

Together we will navigate through this concern. If this issue escalates, we will continue to communicate clearly on the Novi Community School District response so that we can keep all of our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

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Students who are passionate, empowered, and prepared for their world and their future.