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Dear West Bloomfield families,

Many of you are inquiring about prevention and safety related to the Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19. First, it is important to note there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Michigan, but residents are still being urged by the Governor's office to take all necessary precautions to prepare and keep themselves and their families safe. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the risk of an outbreak is low, but the State is still making preparations to limit the spread and impact of COVID-19.

Rest assured, the West Bloomfield School District continues to work closely with and follow guidance from the Oakland County Health Division, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The best prevention for COVID-19, and any other virus, such as the cold or flu, is to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, please stay home and avoid contact with others.

The Oakland County Health Division has provided the attached fact sheet to help address concerns. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) What You Need to Know

The CDC provides a situation summary that is updated daily as needed. <u>Coronavirus Disease 2019</u> (<u>COVID-19</u>) <u>Situation Summary</u>, as does the Michigan Department of Health & Human services <u>Communicable & Chronic Diseases</u>.

The CDC will continue to prepare for the potential spread of coronavirus and will provide guidance to communities. <u>CDC Protects and Prepares Communities</u> For any questions, contact the Oakland County Health Division at (248) 858-1280 or <u>health@oakgov.com</u> or visit<u>https://www.oakgov.com/health</u>.

We will update families as appropriate moving forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald Hill

West Bloomfield School District Superintendent