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Dear District 20 Keeneyville Families,

The health and safety of your children and families is of utmost importance to us. We would like to proactively share helpful information and resources with our District 20 community given recent media reports regarding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the potential impact to schools.

- District 20 is working closely with local, state, and federal partners including the [DuPage County Health Department](#) (DCHD), Regional Office of Education (ROE), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), [Illinois Department of Public Health](#) (IDPH), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) to take preventative steps and share timely communication as it becomes available.
- District 20's custodial staff continues to be diligent with cleaning practices; this includes daily cleaning and disinfecting with special attention given to "hot spots" (door knobs, buttons, handles, tables in the cafe, etc.)
- We can help all District 20 students and staff by coming to school healthy and taking precautions when sick. Please follow everyday preventative actions that can help keep you and others from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses. They include:
 - ✓ *Your child should stay home if he/she is sick until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medications).*
 - ✓ Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
 - ✓ Washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.
 - ✓ Staying home if you have been exposed to a family or household member who is sick.
 - ✓ Covering your nose and mouth with a mask or cloth if you are sick and around people or at a mass gathering in a community where the pandemic is already occurring.
 - ✓ Please consult your healthcare provider if you have a concern for yourself or a family member shows symptoms of illness.
 - ✓ Consult [advisories](#) when preparing to travel outside of the country, particularly to already impacted areas.
- The District 20 Health Services webpage (www.esd20.org/for-parents/health-services) and School Nurse webpages provide tips for "[Staying Healthy This Cold and Flu Season](#)" as recommended by IDPH.
- [General information about 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) available from the DuPage County Health Department, in addition to other health care information and resources are also found on the District Health Services and school nurse webpages.
- For more information, view the [complete recommendations to schools from IDPH](#).

We will continue to monitor this developing situation and will share additional information as it becomes available. Thank you for your help to keep our school community healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo
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