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Dear L-S Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with information and resources concerning Coronavirus (COVID-19). Lampeter-Strasburg School District's priority is maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation and are receiving communications directly from local, state, and federal agencies regarding this developing situation, including guidance from the [Pennsylvania Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

We are providing this information so that you are aware and assured that there are plans in place to monitor, prepare for, and respond to any health or safety issue that may impact the District. We also encourage you to use the CDC and the Pennsylvania DOH as trusted resources for the latest updates and guidance concerning this health issue.

We are committed to doing everything possible to help prevent the spread of the virus in the event of a local outbreak. Please know that the daily cleaning and sanitizing protocols in our buildings follow the recommendations provided to assist in preventing the spread of any virus. Additionally, Shultz Transportation has implemented procedures for increased cleaning of common "touch points" in their vehicles utilized to transport students. The Pennsylvania Department of Health shares the following tips on its website to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19:

- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cell phones, remotes, and other frequently touched items.
- Contain: if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better

In the event that there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the area, the District will follow the guidance provided by healthcare professionals regarding additional measures that may be needed. While we certainly hope that closing school will not be necessary, we will follow the recommendations of our healthcare professionals to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff.

And we need your help. If your child becomes ill, please follow these guidelines regarding student illnesses:

1. Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.
2. Children with vomiting and diarrhea must be kept home for 24 hours after the last episode.
3. Children with suspected infectious diseases (i.e. pink eye and any unknown rashes) should be kept home until verification from your health care provider can be obtained.
4. If your child is sick, keep him or her home, regardless of field trips, parties or other special events that may be held at school that day.

It is important right now that we work together to remain focused on what we can control. We will remain vigilant in monitoring the status of all illnesses that could present a threat to our students and staff. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff alike.

Sincerely,

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Resource links:

L-S Health Department Page: <https://www.l-spioneers.org/Departments/Health/>

Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH): <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>