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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The new **2019 Novel Coronavirus**, also referred to as **2019-nCoV** has been highlighted in news reports over the last several weeks. Understandably, concerns have been raised about infection control in schools as it relates to this strand of the coronavirus.

Please know that Seaford School District has and will continue to be diligent in properly cleansing and sanitizing all areas of our buildings. In addition, there are soap dispensers in all lavatories. Proper and frequent hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of disease including the flu. There are also hand sanitizers located in designated areas of our buildings. Public health experts currently recommend the following simple measures to help promote health and safety, particularly during the flu season. These steps are also important preventions with a virus such as 2019-nCoV:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Hand sanitizers are also effective and should be used if soap and water are not readily available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Use a tissue if you cough or sneeze, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.

Please know that the District has maintained contact with Dr. Lawrence E. Eisenstein, Nassau County Commissioner of Health for updates and advisement. He has stressed that as per the NYS Department of Health, there is no need to alter school activities and no need for students or school staff to wear surgical masks at school. There is, however, a need to be proactive in our planning and to communicate with our parents.

For your information, please see the attached flyer. Additionally, in order to stay up to date about **2019nCoV** its treatment and prevention, please visit the following websites:

CDC's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>.

NYSDOH's dedicated 2019-nCoV website at:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

NYS has also established a **Novel Coronavirus Hotline**, which can provide additional information. Please feel free to call **1-888-364-3065** with questions or concerns regarding travel, signs and symptoms.

As always, our primary concern is the safety of our students, staff and families. We appreciate your support and collaboration to ensure the well-being of our community.

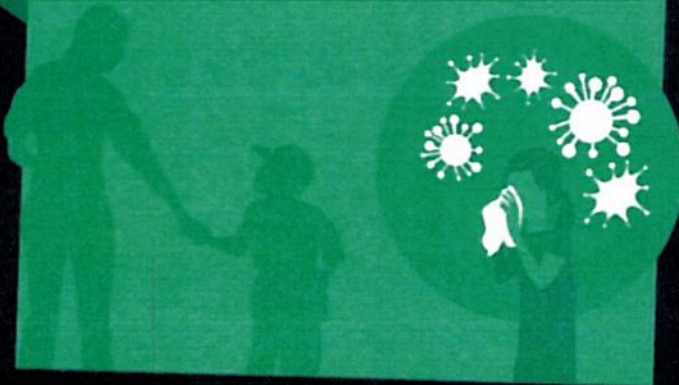
Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

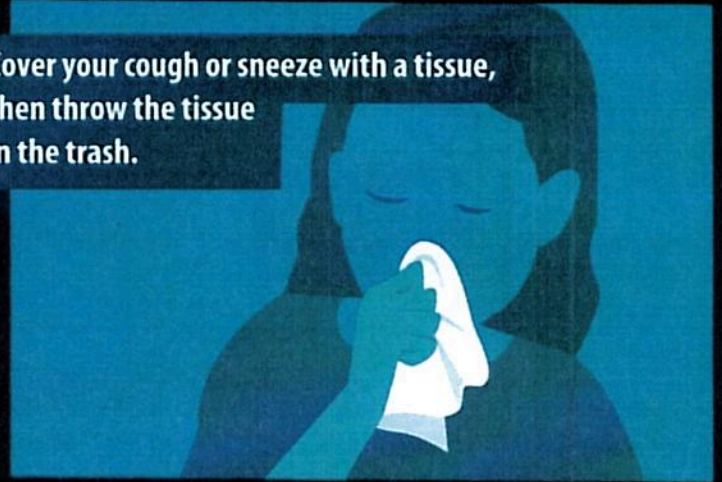
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

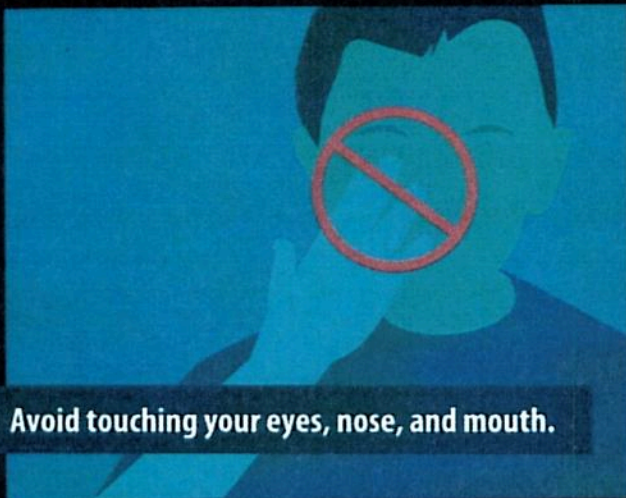
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19