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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are all aware that COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus, has been a main topic in the news in recent weeks. The New Jersey Department of Health recommends a number of measures to help prevent the spread of any communicable illness. I ask that you take the time to review the recommendations below:

1. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school.
2. A child who has a fever of 100.0 or higher should remain home from school until they are fever free, without the use of fever reducing medication, for a period of at least 24 hours.
3. Reinforce with your child the importance of frequent hand washing, especially after blowing his/her nose or coughing.
4. Remind your child to avoid touching his/her eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

The district has also implemented a number of steps to help reduce the spread of communicable illness. For example, our nursing staff reviews proper hand washing with children and other aspects of good hygiene. Our custodial department recently reviewed proper cleaning techniques in order to maximize the reduction of germ exposure (i.e., carefully wiping down all surfaces, doorknobs, etc.). Our custodians use a highly effective, child-safe, anti-viral cleaning solution when cleaning all common surfaces.

In regards to COVID-19, the district continues to monitor the daily updates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We will continue to monitor this situation carefully and continue to follow the guidelines from the CDC, the New Jersey Department of Health and the New Jersey Department of Education.

As a resource, I am sharing the following videos from the CDC that you may find useful. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/videos.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/videos.html)

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