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Mooresville Families -

We want our families to be aware that our schools are monitoring information from federal, state, and local health organizations regarding the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

Our custodians, maintenance, and transportation staff work diligently to clean and sanitize schools and buses, with efforts during flu season to give extra attention to high-touch areas such as doorknobs. We will continue these efforts. We have also asked staff members to frequently remind students about healthy habits to help control the spread of ALL germs and viruses, including influenza.

We encourage our families to talk with their children about the importance of healthy habits as well. Please remember and help your child remember the following:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds (explain to smaller children that they can sing short songs such as the ABC song to determine how long to scrub).
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover coughs with a tissue and then throw tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you have a fever. Remain home until you are fever free WITHOUT the use of fever lowering medicines like Tylenol for at least 24 hours.

Should we receive information that Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 or any widely-spread virus is prevalent in our area, our school district is prepared to take immediate action. We do have preparedness plans focused on such scenarios and will utilize them in coordination with any advice from health officials.

#### **Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Resources**

- [Indiana State Department of Health Coronavirus Information](#)
- [CDC \(Center for Disease Control\) FAQs for 2019 Coronavirus](#)
- [Cases in the US \(map\)](#)
- [World Health Organization](#) (WHO)
- [WHO Frequently Asked Questions about Novel Coronavirus](#)

#### **Resources For Children's Health and Health Education**

- [Handwashing videos from the CDC](#)
- [Handwashing reminder posters](#)
- [Kids Health](#) (from the Nonprofit Children's Health System)
- [Academy of American Pediatrics Healthy Children website](#)
- [Just for Kids - A Comic Exploring Coronavirus](#)

As always, we thank our families for their support in educating our students about preventive measures and helping our students feel cared for by our community.

Sincerely,

Randy Taylor,  
Superintendent