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Dear EPASD Families,

Whenever public health concerns arise such as what is occurring now with the emergence of the coronavirus, schools are often asked if special measures are needed. We both understand and appreciate these questions and concerns. Our District's response to public health concerns is based on guidance or directives issued from public health and government agencies. **As of the issuance of this communication, those agencies have not recommended that schools implement any special measures.**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention offer these everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of flu-like illness:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Stay at home when you are sick until you are fever free for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. (A fever is a temperature over 100.5 degrees.)
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

It is important to note that other respiratory viruses are currently circulating this time of year. To reduce the risk of spreading illness of any kind, we kindly ask parents to follow the guidelines listed above and encourage your children to practice these preventive measures. In our schools and classrooms, we will continue to:

- Review handwashing techniques with students.
- Provide hand sanitizers in all public areas for student and staff use when hand-washing is not possible.
- Coordinate daily cleaning of all high-touch surfaces.
- Send students with fevers home.
- Monitor absentee rates and visits to school nurses.

Please know that we are watching for developments and guidance from the appropriate agencies and will keep you updated. In the meantime, we encourage you to review the following links:

- [Coronavirus Information for K-12 Schools](#)
- [General Coronavirus Information](#)
- [What To Do If You Are Sick with Coronavirus](#)
- [What You Need to Know About Coronavirus](#)

Thank you,

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Superintendent