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To: Maumee City Schools Parents

From: Todd Cramer, Superintendent

As global and local concerns about coronavirus (COVID-19) continue, I want to take a moment to share updates since our last communication on 2/27/2020.

This past Friday, the school district hosted a summit of community leaders to ensure all those at the table have accurate information and share what we have learned from various forums and meetings. We also established a communication network that will promote effective communication throughout our community.

This week we will continue to attend briefings by the Lucas County Health Department and implement their recommendations.

Additionally, the district has taken proactive measures to ensure we can continue to educate our students should we be advised to close school for an extended period of time. Fortunately, with our technology infrastructure and dedicated staff, we will be prepared to provide a combination of educational packets and electronic learning opportunities in the event the Department of Health recommends school closure.

In the coming days, all K-8 students will receive a paper form on which we are asking families to indicate whether or not you would need us to provide an electronic device should we have an extended closure. We are also prepared to submit documents to the Ohio Department of Education to request permission to provide educational services through these alternative modalities. Please have a plan for childcare should schools and daycare facilities need to close.

To date we have been encouraged to follow established precautionary measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Cover coughs/sneezes with your arm or a tissue.
- Avoid exposure to others who are sick.
- Stay home if you are ill (except to visit a health care professional) and avoid close contact with others.
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We also urge parents to please:

- Keep children home from school if they are sick or seem to be getting sick.

- Do not have your child return to school until they are free from fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for 24-hours (without taking acetaminophen or ibuprofen-type medication).
- Remind them to cover their coughs/sneezes with their arm or a tissue and throw the tissue into the trash.
- Review the spread of illness precautions (listed above) with your children.

A hotline has been established by the Ohio Department of Health. Please feel free to call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH if you have any specific questions or concerns.

As previously stated, we will continue to monitor and follow the latest data and information provided to us by our local and state health departments as well as the CDC. Please know the safety of our students, staff, and community continues to be our number one priority. We will provide additional updates as necessary.

Here are links to resources you may find helpful.

Lucas County Health Department <https://www.lucascountyhealth.com/news-events/latest-news/>

Ohio Department of Health: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>  
and <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus/2019-nCoV>

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>