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Maumee City Schools Parents,

As the global concern about coronavirus (COVID-19) continues, we want to take a moment to share important information from the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that are pertinent for cold and flu season in general.

These are the recommended precautions:

- 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.

Maumee City School's cleaning/disinfecting schedule is robust and our custodial staff often does extra cleaning/disinfecting if there is a classroom or pocket of classrooms with higher than normal absence rates. We have wall-mounted hand sanitizer stations located throughout all of our schools as well as in classrooms.

The best way to prevent colds and viruses (including the flu and COVID-19) is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

We 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 tissue and throw the tissue into the trash.
- Review the spread of illness precautions (listed above) with your children.



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Information on the Ohio Department of Health website states that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and the CDC website states that children are not more susceptible to COVID-19, rather most confirmed cases from China have occurred in adults.

Below are several links that you can use to see information as it is updated by the Ohio Health Department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

2/27/20 Update from Ohio Department of Health: <https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/542fccf5-a5e4-4778-8d85-6afb21341445/COVID-19-childcare-settings-02-26-20.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

Ohio Department of Health
Website: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus/welcome/>

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

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