

# CLARENCE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

Please allow this letter on the coronavirus to serve as an update to the letter from the State Education Department we posted on the website last week. The District is committed to protecting the health and safety of students and staff.

Please know that the school district works closely with the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH provides guidance and advice for students or staff who have returned from traveling to one of the countries that have experienced confirmed cases of coronavirus. The DOH guidance for those individuals is a voluntary 14-day home quarantine. The DOH provides a packet of materials regarding monitoring symptoms. If no symptoms arise, the student or staff member is cleared to return to school at the end of the quarantine period. Siblings or family members who did not travel but share a living space are clear to attend school unless they or the quarantined individual exhibit any symptoms. The DOH guidance evolves regularly as does the list of impacted nations. It is important for families to inform the school district if they travel to impacted countries.

The DOH and Center for Disease Controls (CDC) urge that common sense measures such as regular and thorough hand washing, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers respiratory etiquette, covering coughs and sneezes, and avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth after coughing are highly effective personal protective measures against any form of virus. Our teachers will reinforce these practices. Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is also readily available.

The DOH and CDC also recommends environmental measures such as regularly cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects with disinfectants. The District has tasked our cleaning crews with ensuring that high traffic areas and surfaces are disinfected regularly. We have also increased the number of cleaners.

There are no school sponsored trips scheduled to any currently impacted countries and we will not approve any such trips. Currently, trips within United States are allowed, however circumstances may change as time progresses.

The Clarence School District has infectious disease controls in place, and we will continue planning and preparing for any contingency as the coronavirus situation evolves. Please know that under the law we cannot discuss confidential health information regarding any student or staff member.

We will post additional updates on our website as circumstances dictate. We will also post links to the DOH and CDC resources on the coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Hicks, Ed.D.

Superintendent