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Dear Morris Hills Regional District Community,

Given the rise of Novel Coronavirus (now called COVID-19) as a global health concern, we want to assure our students and parents/guardians that we are working closely with local, state and federal public health agencies, as well as our own health care professionals, to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. As always, the Morris Hills Regional District's top priority is the safety of our students, communities, and staff members.

We remind all members of the Morris Hills Regional District Community that there are everyday preventative actions that they can take to help limit the spread of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19 and flu.

A few common measures the CDC advises for the general public include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact (6 feet) with people who appear to have a respiratory infection
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

Outbreaks involving novel coronaviruses evolve quickly and recommendations from public health officials may change frequently as new information becomes available. Please check the following websites often for updated information.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/schoolhealth.shtm>

At this time, there is no need to cancel school or social events. It is our responsibility as a school to maintain a safe, healthy, and clean environment on a daily basis for our students and staff. As other schools are changing cleaning patterns, our custodial staff meets and exceeds the standards of cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing in our buildings on a daily basis, not just during an influenza outbreak. Our custodial staff is trained with an effective cleaning regiment as outlined in our Morris Hills Regional District Cleaning Standards Handbook. Our buildings are cleaned daily with attention to specific areas of concern that include the following: student desks, cafeteria tables, all restrooms, the food service area, locker rooms, showers, the nurse's area, drinking fountains, building entry doors/handles, building floors, handrails, and our buses are cleaned daily.

As we move forward, please self report to our school nurse if you have traveled to any of the Tier 3 countries of China, Italy, Iran or South Korea within the last 14 days.

We continue to educate our students and staff about the importance of washing their hands through the morning announcements and signs placed in the bathrooms.

As we continue to receive more information about the Coronavirus and how it is affecting schools, we will be sure to share it with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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