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Student Support Services
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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parents/Guardians, Faculty & Staff,

Wilmington Public Schools is closely monitoring information related to the new Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers the risk of this disease in the United States to be low at this time.

Health Services has received information from the MA Department of Public Health and will continue to follow their guidance.

The incubation period for the Coronavirus is 2-14 days. Students, faculty, or staff who have travelled to or from China more than two weeks ago and are not ill have no cause for concern.

Individuals who have travelled to affected areas in China (Wuhan or the Hubei Province), or who believe they may have been in contact with an infected person, should monitor their health and contact their primary care physician. **Please note as of 3/3/20, the following countries have a Level 3 Travel Health Notice (widespread, ongoing transmission): China, Italy, Japan, and South Korea.**

Because we are in the midst of the seasonal flu virus season, our school practices to safeguard the health of students, faculty, and staff are already in place. Custodial staff routinely disinfect frequently touched surfaces, i.e. doorknobs, handrails, faucets, etc. throughout our schools. The Coronavirus is effectively treated in the same manner.

We encourage the Wilmington School Community to continue to take the standard recommended precautions to prevent the spread of flu-like illness:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Frequently clean touched surfaces, including cell phones, laptops, and keyboards
- Avoid sharing food utensils, containers, and other personal items
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing
- Students, faculty and staff registering a fever of 100.4 F or higher will be dismissed from school and should remain home until fever-free and/or symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication

- If you are ill with flu-like symptoms, avoid contact with others. Stay home, except for seeking medical care

In addition, it is not too late to receive this year's flu vaccine.

For more information, please [Click Here](#) for the Health Services Newsletter for the Coronavirus Edition or visit the Centers for Disease Control website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or the MDPH website at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/information-on-the-outbreak-of-2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

Sincerely,

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