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## Central School

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Ellicottville Central School is committed to the health and well-being of all students, staff, and greater community. As you may be aware, in addition to annual influenza cases, a novel Coronavirus (aka COVID-19) has been spreading in many countries over the last couple of months, which has resulted in a small number of new cases in our state.

While there are **no confirmed cases of COVID-19** in our region (as of the writing of this letter), we have been in regular touch with local health officials, the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) and the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) and will continue to assess how we can prepare for and respond to potential cases.

Stopping the spread of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy. More information on COVID-19 will be available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)), as well as the District website ([www.ellicottvillecentral.com](http://www.ellicottvillecentral.com)). The following everyday actions, all of which are currently being promoted at ECS, help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick (and do not return to school or work until you are fever free for 24 hours).
- Cough into your sleeve or arm whenever possible.
- If you cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**In addition, ECS will be taking the following steps to best ensure everyone's health:**

- We will be purchasing additional hand sanitizer for the dispensers located throughout the school.
- Sanitizing stations will be monitored regularly.
- We will be certain to have sanitizing solution placed in locations that do not have wall mounted dispensers.
- We will be posting information on the school's website and updating as new information becomes available.
- We will be sanitizing surfaces (desks / tables, door knobs, chairs, water fountains, etc.) that students use.
- We will be disinfecting bus seats after each use.
- We will continue to follow "in-season" influenza precautionary measures.
- We will maintain open lines of communication with local, state and federal health organizations for guidance.

Currently, the risk to the general public is low, so there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public at this time. However, additional recommendations from local or state governments, NYSED or DOH could come at any point. We will communicate those as they become available.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Miller  
Superintendent