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Dear Parents & Guardians,

As you may know, New York State recently confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus 19 (2019-nCoV). While there are no reports of cases in the Central NY area at this time, I know that many of you have expressed concern about the disease spreading to area schools.

The Fulton City School District will continue to follow recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Oswego County Health Department, and the New York State Department of Health. All three organizations are monitoring the situation closely and will provide us with updates as the situation warrants.

We have been working proactively to promote health and safety for all members of our school community by following protocols and procedures including:

- Increasing nightly cleaning and sanitization of our schools, classrooms and school buses.
- Displaying posters throughout the schools as reminders and to educate everyone about good hygiene.
- Increasing the number of hand sanitizer dispensers throughout all of our buildings.
- Sending sick students, teachers, and staff home when they have flu-like symptoms.
- Monitoring levels of absenteeism by school building.
- Communicating with the local health department as needed.
- Reviewing our district’s emergency response plans.

As this situation is rapidly evolving, so we will be posting and updating information as it becomes available re: the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) on our district website homepage.

As a reminder, we are still in the midst of our regular cold and flu season, and it is important that we continue to follow recommendations to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including 2019-nCoV. Please make sure you share the following reminders from the NYS Department of Health with your children and family members:

- 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.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern or have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas should call ahead to their healthcare provider before presenting for treatment.
New Yorkers can call the State hotline at 1-888-364-3065, where experts can answer questions regarding the novel coronavirus. In addition, the Department has a dedicated website (link below) which was created as a resource with updated information for New Yorkers.


We will keep you apprised of developments as we receive guidance from health professionals.

Respectfully,

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