Dear Parents,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by COVID-19. CDC is following this rapidly evolving health situation. On January 31, 2020, the United States declared a public health emergency to help the healthcare community respond to COVID-19. Exposure to COVID-19 comes from direct contact with someone who has COVID-19. Everyone can do their part to respond to this emerging public health threat.

CDC recommendations are below:

- It is currently flu and respiratory disease season, CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine, taking everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed.
- If you have been exposed to someone sick with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, you will face some limitations on your movement and activity. Please follow instructions during this time.

Please be advised:

- Keep your student home when they are sick. If possible, keep your student home from errands and activities when they are sick. We will work with students and parents to make-up any missed classwork due to illness
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Our Maintenance staff will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces and objects.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds. Washing hands often under clean, running water can help break the chain of infection and the spread of germs.

We will be following the guidelines set by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on how to prevent the spread of the virus. Please see links below:

[Franklin County Public Health](#)

[The latest information from the CDC about COVID-19 can be found at this link](#)

[CDC community mitigation guidelines](#)

[Ohio Governor Mike DeWine's statement on COVID-19](#)

[Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 information](#)

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