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Families and Staff:

Being well-informed and well-prepared is important to the health and safety of you and your family. Please see the below information regarding Coronavirus.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

Coronavirus is a type of virus that causes diseases of varying severities, ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory disease. A novel (new) coronavirus is a new strain of coronavirus that hasn't been identified before in humans.

How is it spread?	Signs & Symptoms
 Through coughing and sneezing	 Fever
 Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands	 Coughing
 Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands	 Severe Illness
 Because novel coronavirus is new, we are learning more each day about the transmission patterns and incubation periods	 Difficulty Breathing

What Can We Do To Prevent The Spread?

Wash hands with soap and water	Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer	Practice healthy lifestyle (sleep, good diet, etc.)	Stay home when you are sick
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What can we do to prevent the spread of respiratory illness?

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose. Help young children do the same. If soap and water are not readily available, using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, followed by cleaning hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer (if soap and water are not readily available).
- It's currently flu and respiratory disease season and CDC recommends getting a flu vaccine, taking everyday preventive actions to help stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed.
- Staying home when you are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Schools are advised to follow the school's routine cleaning and disinfection program. The schools use hospital grade cleaning supplies.

The Huron School District follows the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and works with City and State Health Officials in addressing public health concerns. We will continue to work closely with these agencies to monitor the Coronavirus situation and take additional steps as necessary.