

New Hanover Township School District
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Dear New Hanover Township School Families:

With each day, concern among our residents is raising regarding the coronavirus, as evidenced by a flood of media reporting. As a young student working in a hospital, I learned the phrase “universal precautions.” In that setting, universal precautions meant regular hand washing and glove wearing when dealing with all patients, not just those presumed to be contagious. To prevent the spread of coronavirus, the CDC is recommending universal precautions including:

- Avoiding contact with people who are sick
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Staying home when sick
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue rather than hands
- Washing hands frequently

Please seek medical attention for any child exhibiting flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, and/or muscles aches. For additional information regarding coronavirus, you can visit the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

As a school, we have a special responsibility to protect our students from all communicable respiratory diseases including influenza and coronavirus. To achieve this goal, New Hanover Township School personnel will continue to take the following actions:

- Update emergency operation plans
- Communicate with local health officials
- Monitor student absenteeism
- Maintain procedures for students and staff who are sick
- Perform routine environmental cleaning
- Communicate with the New Hanover Township School community
- Monitor most current CDC guidelines

During this time of confusion, unknown facts, and rumors, we will not panic. But, as the school's principal and a father of two, I want to assure everyone that we are, right now, prepared to deal with this current public health crisis. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (609) 723-2139.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Scott Larkin, Principal
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