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Dear District 127.5 Students, Families and Staff,

To follow-up on the communication sent on February 28, 2020, regarding the global concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus), District 127.5 continues to follow the guidance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for schools.

IDPH's recommendations remain that schools hold classes and events as usual, and follow routine cleaning and disinfecting procedures; no special measures are necessary.

It also says that the best way to protect against coronavirus is by taking the same everyday precautions against getting sick in general, including:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

District 127.5 is also following [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidance](#) that students who have traveled to certain areas of the world (i.e. China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea) should not attend school for 14 calendar days after the return date. These absences are excused. IDPH also recommends that family members of these students should not attend work if they have also traveled to certain areas as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control. You can read more about the [CDC guidelines here](#). To see the complete recommendations to schools from IDPH, please [click here](#). You can also access the IDPH's Frequently Asked Questions on coronavirus [here](#).

Should a case of coronavirus be diagnosed, the IDPH and the CDC are responsible for monitoring and notifying personnel in areas that the individual has frequented to alert the public. Public school officials typically receive the information directly from the family, physician and IDPH, or some combination of the three. In the unlikely event a student or community member is diagnosed with coronavirus, the school district will work directly with the IDPH and the CDC to notify staff, students, and community members. At this time, there is no indication that school will need to be closed related to coronavirus. If it becomes necessary for the District to close a school or schools we will consider the use of eLearning Days as a possible tool to keep the academic program accessible to our students.

Our custodial services, continues to follow the recommended processes for cleaning and disinfecting and extra hand sanitizer has been provided throughout the building for students, staff, and visitors. District 127.5 continues to closely monitor recommendations regarding coronavirus and will update you should there be any significant changes in recommendations for schools. For now, please be assured that student safety is our top priority. We will continue to conduct daily preventative measures that make our schools safe for all students and employees. We will also provide additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Adam J. Thorns". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Dr. Adam J. Thorns
Superintendent of Schools