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Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, there is currently an outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the world and only a matter of time before we see more cases here in the United States. So far this outbreak has only affected a limited number of people in the country, with no confirmed cases here in the state of Michigan. While we do not have any current reported cases, we want to be prepared should this strain of the flu virus make its way to our area or school district.

To help ensure the greatest level of protection against the Coronavirus or any flu strain, we ask that you remind your children to keep the following in mind:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean your hands often - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60 to 95% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- Avoid sharing personal household items - You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or eating utensils with other people.
- Clean all "high-touch" surfaces everyday - High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and tables. We currently do this at all of our buildings and have increased our efforts to keep our buildings clean. Adhering to these measures at home will reduce the possibility of spreading the flu.
- If your child is sick (fever, vomiting, etc.), please keep them home and monitor their symptoms - seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing).

If you have any questions, or you need assistance in any way, please visit the Ottawa County Health Department or the CDC website. Sincerely,

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