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Chittenango CSD Families,

RE: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19: WHAT TO KNOW

Education and Communication

- The Chittenango Central School District continues to maintain direct communication with the Madison County Department of Health and District Medical Director, Dr. Jeff Mulholland, regarding COVID-19 status and updates.
- The CCSD Director of Nursing, Ms. Deb Gronau, and District administrators have participated in special training offered by both Onondaga County and Madison County Departments of Health.
- The District is posting COVID-19 information and communications on the District website (www.chittenangoschools.org).

Cleaning and Disinfection

- The CCSD uses professional cleaners, trained and counseled, that clean our learning spaces every night.
- Surfaces are cleaned every night with a hydrogen peroxide cleaner. The cleaning staff rotate the use of additional disinfectants to prevent germ resistance and increase solvent efficacy.
- Additionally, desktops, table tops and all touch points (door knobs, faucet handles, soap dispensers, school bus seats, etc.) are disinfected with a product called "Vindicator."
- All classrooms, K-12, have access to disinfecting cleaning wipes for daily use and all district buildings have access to hand sanitizer dispensers.
- Nursing staff monitor levels of absenteeism and illness by building, reporting to Madison County, and send sick students, teachers and staff home when they have flu-like symptoms.

Prevention and Containment

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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District Events and Activities

- The Chittenango CSD will review extra-curricular activities and events for cancellation or postponement on a case-by-case basis, following state and county advisories.
- Effective immediately, ALL SCC activities have been suspended indefinitely.
- Governor Cuomo has directed a limit to all crowd sizes of no more than 500 people. Facilities meant to hold fewer than 500 people will only be allowed to fill that space by half.

Travel and Trips

- The Chittenango CSD is assessing ALL school-based trips and activities and following state and local advisories regarding cancellation if necessary. Trip leaders will be advised as determinations are made.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a website dedicated to providing up-to-date resources for travelers: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.
- The District advises travelers to affected areas follow self-quarantine guidelines. Suggested guidelines can be found online at: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/documents/self-quarantine-covid.pdf>.

Resources

COVID-19 has understandably created anxiety for many watching it unfold around the world, including our children. For more information about talking to children about COVID-19, please refer to this parent resource from the National Association of School Psychologists and the National Association of School Nurses.

[https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-\(coronavirus\)-a-parent-resource](https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource)
<https://www.nasn.org/blogs/nasn-profile/2020/02/26/coronavirus-19-message-to-school-nurses>

Parents can also stay up to date on the most recent COVID-19 developments through a myriad of local, state and federal health agencies websites.

<http://www.ongov.net/health/coronavirus.html>
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

New Yorkers can call the NYS Department of Health coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065 with any concerns or questions.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is the greatest responsibility of the District. We will continue to monitor the situation and will take every precaution to maintain a healthy school environment.



Chittenango CSD Administration