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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may know, New York State recently confirmed its first case of the novel coronavirus 19 (2019-n-CoV) in New York City. A second case has been confirmed in Westchester County. This letter is to inform you of the District's response to this emerging health concern.

The Chittenango Central School District will continue to follow recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, the New York State Department of Health and the Madison County Department of Health. All four organizations are monitoring the situation closely and are providing the District with updates as the situation warrants. At this time District Administration has attended briefings in Albany and we continue to collaborate with Madison County Officials, including the Madison County Department of Health.

In addition, Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES and area superintendents have been working together on a safety plan to address the situation as it continues to evolve.

The District currently has extensive cleaning measures in place to combat the spread of cold and flu-like viruses. These measures have been quite effective in preventing the spread of illness outbreaks in our buildings and on our buses, and we will continue to review and follow these procedures in the months ahead.

In addition to reviewing safety plans, other proactive measures include;

1. The CCSD uses professional cleaners, trained and counseled, that clean our learning spaces every night.
2. 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.
3. 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."
4. All classrooms, K-12, have access to disinfecting cleaning wipes for daily use and all district buildings have access to hand sanitizer dispensers.
5. 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.

As we are still in the midst of our regular cold and flu season, it is important that we continue to follow recommendations to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including 2019-n-CoV. Please make sure you share the following reminders from the NYS Department of Health with your children and family members:

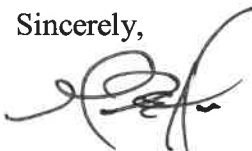
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home 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.

New Yorkers can call the NYS Department of Health coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065 with any concerns or questions. In addition you can visit their dedicated website at;

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Eiffe', with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent