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Re: COVID- 19 Novel Coronavirus

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern over the global outbreak of coronavirus. To date, we have confirmed with the Saskatchewan Health Authority that there are no cases in Saskatchewan. To ensure the continued health and safety of our students and staff, we are taking the following preventative measures:

- Our custodians have increased their cleaning and sanitizing practices at all schools and sites
- Custodians are sanitizing all high-touch areas in our schools to help prevent the spread of germs.
- Custodians will wipe down/sanitize door hardware, handrails, drinking fountains, telephones in common areas and other high-touch areas as they move throughout their schools.

According to the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Coronavirus is an airborne virus with symptoms similar to influenza and other respiratory illnesses ranging from common to severe respiratory illnesses including:

- Fever;
- Cough;
- Difficulty breathing;
- Pneumonia.

To help protect against all respiratory illnesses, including the flu and Coronavirus, we encourage you to practice and share these tips with your children:

- Contact 811 Health Line if you have questions or concerns about your health.
- Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill;
- Seek advice from 811 Health Line regarding self-isolation if travelled internationally

Additionally,

- Use good hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing with soap and water;
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue;
- Use hand sanitizer that is 60% alcohol-based if soap and water are not available;
- Parents or students, who for personal reasons, require a health mask may be permitted to do so. We realize there may be families or students with compromised health concerns and may require the masks as preventative measure
- Please report if you or your child has been diagnosed with the virus.

We continue to monitor this evolving health crisis and we will continue to update you as needed.

Thank you

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Protect yourself and others!

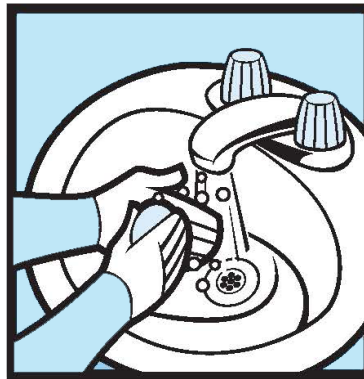
Help stop the spread of harmful viruses.



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.



No tissue? Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, or use a hand sanitizer.



Stay home if you are sick.

Hand washing is important to stop the spread of germs and avoid getting sick. Stay healthy. Wash your hands often and for **at least 20 seconds**.

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