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Dear Naperville 203 Community,

With the news coverage of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, we want to assure you the district is monitoring the situation closely and is in daily communication with our local health department to provide for the safety of our students and staff.

There are no reported cases of COVID-19 in our schools. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) stated currently, the health risk to the general public from COVID-19 remains low, both in the U.S. and in Illinois.

Agencies are focused on prevention, and Naperville 203 is following the guidance and expectations established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and IDPH. Our health service staff are aware of symptoms associated with the virus and are carefully monitoring the health of our students. Our custodial staff will continue to be diligent with all our cleaning practices in our schools. This includes daily sanitization of high-touch surfaces such as doorknobs, faucets, etc. Staff members are promoting universal precautions among students, including frequent hand washing.

According to the IDPH, as with any respiratory virus, students and school personnel can protect themselves and others by taking everyday common-sense actions.

The IDPH recommends the following:

- 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 with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and contact your healthcare provider for a plan of care.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The IDPH does NOT recommend:

- The use of masks or gloves.
- Cancelling mass gatherings.
- Cancelling classes.

Colds and respiratory viruses are common during this time of year. Please take a moment to remind your child to practice good hygiene, including hand washing and respiratory etiquette. To prevent the spread of illness, the Health Department recommends that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu-like symptoms (such as fever, cough, and sore throat). If your child is running a fever of 100 degrees or greater, please keep your child home until they are fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications. If your child is experiencing vomiting or diarrhea, please keep your child at home until these concerns have been resolved for 24 hours, and your child is tolerating food without the use of medication to stop the symptoms.

For medical questions or concerns, contact your physician.

Additional resources are available online:

Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

DuPage County Health Department

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Information>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Sincerely,  
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