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SASED Central Families,

At this point in time we are sure you are aware of news reports concerning coronavirus disease 19 (COVID-19), which has spread throughout China as well as at least 100 other countries and territories, including the United States. Globally there have been 105,586 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

You may have also heard that recently a passenger on an Amtrak train passing through Springfield, later tested positive for COVID-19. While there are no current reports of COVID-19 in Sangamon County, SASED Central is preparing for the possibility that the disease could make its way to our area. The District already has many protocols in place due to the cold and flu season, which we will continue to follow, including periodic deep cleaning of high-touch areas of our buildings.

Our teachers are also encouraging good hygiene practices and stress their importance to our students. Good handwashing and cough/sneeze etiquette remain some of the most effective ways to stop the spread communicable illness. We encourage everyone to practice necessary precautions to aid in the prevention of illness, including colds and flus:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
2. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. Our SASED Central handbook policy states that if a student exhibits observable symptoms of illness at school, such as vomiting or fever, a parent or guardian will be notified to pick up the student as soon as possible. Please make sure to have your emergency plan in place. Students with fevers are not allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication. Leaving your child at school sick is considered neglect and we will be forced to report this to DCFS.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
4. Washing your hands often and for at least 20 seconds will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your healthcare provider or the Sangamon County Health Department Hotline at (217) 321-2606 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

SASED Central Administration