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Dear Springfield Elementary School Community,

As you are probably aware, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is monitoring the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a flu-like disease that was first identified back in December. The CDC has issued a recommendation to stay informed as this virus has the potential to spread.

Springfield Elementary School will continue to closely monitor official communications regarding this health issue. As a precautionary measure, we are maintaining an enhanced daily cleaning and sanitizing regimen at our school. This includes using an approved disinfecting/sanitizing process on all solid surfaces in our buildings each day.

We are asking all Springfield families and staff to take the same precautions they would during any flu outbreak, including:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least twenty seconds each time. Hand sanitizers may also be used to limit the spread of germs;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Stay home if you are sick! This is as much for your benefit as those that will be near you at work and school;
- Avoid close contact with those that are sick or showing symptoms of illness; and
- Sneeze into your inside elbow or into a disposable tissue instead of your hands.

The CDC tell us that these simple measures, also known as non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), are some of the most effective ways to prevent viral transmission. The Department of Health and Springfield Elementary School request that families who have traveled to areas of the world highly impacted by the coronavirus alert the School Principal and School Nurse prior to your child's return to the school building. Please refer to [District Policy 8451](#) (accessible via our district website under the Board of Education tab) for additional information regarding the control of communicable disease.

For additional information about coronavirus, please visit the following websites:

New Jersey Department of Health:

https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/2019nCoV_k12schools.pdf

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

Please contact our School Nurse if you need additional information or have questions.

Sincerely,

Craig Vaughn

Superintendent / Principal