

Message from the Superintendent

Coronavirus

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Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

It is important to know that as a district we are doing our best to keep abreast of the news regarding the coronavirus and following the health department's lead on any quarantines, closures, or other health measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff, and how education should continue.

What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like flu. There is currently no vaccine for the COVID-19.

What can I do to stay healthy and keep my family healthy?

- Cover your coughs and sneezes - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or your inner elbow shirt sleeve.
- Get your flu shot, and stay up to date on other routine childhood and adult immunizations.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- Avoid sharing personal household items - You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, or eating utensils with other people.
- If your child is sick (fever, vomiting, etc.), please keep them home and monitor their symptoms - seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing).
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

What is the school district doing to enhance the probability of good health among students and staff?

- The custodial and janitorial staffs are using cleaners specifically identified as being able to kill viruses such as the Coronavirus.
- The custodial and janitorial staffs have been given specific directions and expectations as to what is to be cleaned and with what frequency regarding such things as desks, chairs, door knobs, handrails, etc., so that such surfaces can be as germ free as possible.
- The administration is in communication with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and other relevant sources to stay up to date on information relevant to our district. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- As a community we do not have Internet access throughout our 175 square miles so online learning for all will not be an option.
- Further communication will be placed on our website and sent through our one call system.

Sincerely,
Helen K. McCracken, Ed.D., Superintendent
Central Greene School District

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