



Williamsport Area School District

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Dear Williamsport Area School District Staff and Family Members

This communication is to inform staff, students, parents, and extended family members that the Williamsport Area School District is aware and monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) closely and has plans in place to react swiftly if the virus would impact our community. The PA Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 virus and the district is updated daily on potential issues within the state and across the nation.

Please note there are no reported cases of Coronavirus connected to the Williamsport Area School District or the state of Pennsylvania at this time.

Please be assured that WASD is monitoring this health issue closely and has preventative measures in place to keep our schools safe. Preventative measures include:

- Encouraging staff and students to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Asking staff and students to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Asking staff and students to avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Instructing staff and students to stay home when they are sick
- Students with a temperature more than 100 degrees (without fever reducing medication) should stay home until fever free for 24 hours
- Asking staff and students to sneeze into their elbows, instead of their hands.

Cleaning and disinfecting schools daily as part of ongoing custodial services in the schools, following recommendations from federal, state and local entities concerning the Coronavirus.

We are closely monitoring the CDC's recommendations (the latest of which can be found on their website at www.cdc.gov), as well as those from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (www.health.pa.gov).

As more information becomes available, we will update the district website. Our response and planning will be in accordance with federal, state, and local health experts, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy S. Bowers
Superintendent