



MINERSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

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HEALTH UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In the Minersville Area School District, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and reference our process and communications.

At this time, there have only been a small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States. 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). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice healthy habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and water, wash for at least 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer is the next best option. To be most effective, hand sanitizers should be alcohol based, containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- If children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. Allow them some time to feel better so that they do not risk infecting others. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or above should stay home until they are fever free, without the use of medications, for 24 hours.
- As always, if you have any concerns regarding your child's health, it is recommended that you consult with your child's primary care physician.

Additional resources can be found at:

- Pennsylvania Department of Health <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information <<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

Please contact the building nurse or administrator if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Superintendent of Schools