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Dear Parent / Guardian:

The Claiborne County Public School system is closely monitoring any potential outbreak of respiratory illnesses that may be caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are in contact with our Emergency Management and also with the Tennessee Department of Health and the Centers of Disease and Control (CDC) and following their guidelines and procedures.

We partner closely with our public health and healthcare providers to build on the work we do every day to keep our students safe and healthy and to prevent and control outbreaks of diseases. We have plans and procedures in place from our work to prepare and respond to diseases that have emerged in the past, like SARS, H1N1, Influenza, and Hepatitis.

What can you do to reduce your risk of infection?

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; after toilet use; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, thoroughly clean your hands using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

- Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick. So, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Droplets spread the virus. When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue. Then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid hugging, kissing, and shaking hands while greeting.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Respectfully,

Dr. Linda Keck, Director
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