## LINCOLN COUNTY R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT



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> Daniel Williams, Superintendent

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Winfield School Families and Employees,

Many of you are aware that there is a pending test for novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Lincoln County. However, at the time of this communication there are no confirmed cases. It is only logical to assume that there will be more confirmed cases in Missouri in the near future, and this may impact our school operations. We continue to take precautionary steps to provide students with ample time to wash and sanitize their hands and educate our elementary students in proper sanitizing techniques. Our sanitizing practices have been elevated in the custodial and transportation departments and we are monitoring student attendance.

If cases are confirmed in Lincoln County by the Health Department, we would move to the next step in our procedure and begin to limit visitor access, student travel and large gatherings within the schools. If your child shows flu-like symptoms keep them at home. When calling your building secretary to report a student absence, we ask that you please give them details of their illness. This ensures that our nursing staff have accurate reporting information. It is vitally important that you continue to follow preventative steps to stay healthy and follow the recommendations of the CDC and Health Department.

## **Prevention:**

- Avoid those who are sick
- Practice PROPER HAND WASHING often and for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands.
- Use hand sanitizer with 60% or more alcohol only when soap and water are not available.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## **Resources:**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>www.cdc.gov/COVID19</u>
- Lincoln County Health Department <a href="https://lchdmo.org/covid19">https://lchdmo.org/covid19</a>
- World Health Organization "Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)" https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019