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In the Okmulgee Public 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 Oklahoma Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools at this time.

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

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- 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 do not 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Dove at 918-758-2000 or rdove@okmulgeeps.com.

Additional resources:

- Oklahoma State Department of Education <https://www.sde.ok.gov/
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html/