

## Elmont Union Free School District

## CULTIVATING SCHOLARS AND GLOBAL CITIZENS

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

A week ago, a statement was posted on our web site regarding the 2019-nCoV virus. Since that posting we have remained in contact with the Nassau County Commissioner of Health regarding updated information especially as the virus continues to affect more countries including areas in the United States. It is only natural that additional concerns have been raised about infection control in our schools as it relates to this type of coronavirus.

To that effect this update reinforces the expectation that flu season prevention practices are being followed which include cleaning and disinfecting of facilities and buses, reminding staff and students to (cover their cough) and practice frequent handwashing. Also if your child is ill, please do not send them to school and make sure to schedule an appointment with your physician. Please know that Elmont Schools will continue to be diligent in completing the necessary steps to properly cleanse and sanitize all of our buildings.

To find out more information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, you may visit the CDC website at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV">https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV</a>, the New York State Department of Health's website <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/">https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/</a> or call New York State's Novel Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

As this situation evolves, please know that we will remain in close contact with the appropriate officials, follow their recommendations, and keep you informed of any new developments. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students and staff. Additionally, while there is no indication that closing schools for an extended period at this time is a possibility in our region, the Elmont School District will continue to be proactive concerning the best ways to communicate with families and educate students if school closures become necessary.

As always, we appreciate your support and collaboration to ensure the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families.

Sincerely,

Al Harper

Superintendent of Schools