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Dear Armada Area School Families:

As you are aware, there have been several news reports related to the Coronavirus and its impact on local communities within the United States and the world. Here at Armada Area Schools, we have been monitoring these reports and following the guidance of the Macomb County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention.

Although there have been no cases reported in Michigan, we ask that our students, staff, and families keep these simple strategies in mind. The CDC always recommends the following tips to stay healthy and to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick. Parents, keep children home from school if they are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

In addition to these reminders, we have included website links for up-to-date, reliable information on the coronavirus.

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_5104_97675---,00.html

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

We will continue to work with health officials to closely monitor the situation in our state and our local community. And, if necessary, we will adjust our procedures and our plans to protect the health and well-being of our students and our families.

We will continue to communicate any additional information that relates to our schools as we receive updates from the above-mentioned health agencies.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is always open.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Musary, Ed.S.

Superintendent

Armada Area Schools

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