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We recognize your concerns about the encroaching spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and its potential impact on our schools and community. We are also working with the Curry County Public Health Department to keep you informed of strategies, tools and recommendations by the Center on Disease Control (CDC).

At this time, while there is no anti-viral treatment that attacks the coronavirus. Individuals are being treated with pain relievers, cough syrup and other medications for the symptoms. So, it is important that we rely on prevention. We encourage you to follow these common sense strategies for preventing the spread of communicable diseases:

Individual level

- Practice social distancing when ill.
- Keep children home who exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms.
- Encourage staff to refrain from coming to work if they have cold and flu-like symptoms.

<u>Handwashing</u>

• Encourage all students to keep unwashed hands out of their mouths, eyes, etc. Use anti-bacterial soap.

Classroom/School level

- Have teachers review hand-washing techniques with students.
- Discourage the sharing of food.
- Provide anti-bacterial soap rather than hand sanitizers in classrooms and bathrooms.
- Encourage maintenance and classroom staff to use anti-bacterial products on all high-touch surfaces daily and increase frequency of school building cleaning by custodial staff and upgrade via the use of more effective cleaning products.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Refer to the district web site for any updates.

Sincerely.

Tim Wilson Superintendent