

## **PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE (COVID 19)**

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In our continuing efforts to promote health and wellness throughout our district, we want to assure you that we are closely monitoring updates about the Coronavirus (COVID 19). We are following recommended guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health and taking appropriate steps to mitigate any risks within our school community. We realize this is a fluid situation and we will keep you apprised of new information as the situation continues to develop.

We encourage you to learn more about the Coronavirus at the following links: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html#risk-assessment</u> <u>https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml</u>

## We ask all staff, students and families to continue to take these preventive measures currently in place for all viruses:

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, the CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

Rest assured that our custodial staff continues to maintain a high-level of cleanliness in all classrooms, offices, restrooms, and other areas of our building, and our proper daily cleaning procedures decrease the potential of infectious health concerns.

*If you have questions regarding the Coronavirus, please call the health experts at the NJ Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.*