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Coronavirus Preparedness

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Community Members,

In Upper Merion Area School District, Student safety and well-being is always a high priority and this message is being sent to advise you that we are closely monitoring information on the current coronavirus outbreak. The District has procedures in place for reportable communicable disease, including the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

At this time, there are NO reported cases of the coronavirus disease 2019 connected to the Upper Merion Area School District or the State of Pennsylvania.

The district will continue to monitor this situation and work closely with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health. If there were a confirmed case of the coronavirus in our community, guidance and information would be immediately distributed to our families.

Upper Merion Area School District does teach and follow universal precautions and conduct daily cleaning protocols using hospital grade disinfectant in all our facilities.

Please see additional information below from the Center for Disease Control:

- **The risk of contracting COVID-19 in the US is currently low**
  - Some people who have traveled to places where many people have contracted COVID-19 may be monitored by health officials to protect their health and health of other people in the community.

- **Some things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy**
  - Wash our 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.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Stay home when you are sick.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Useful Links


- PA Department of Health: [https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx)

Thank You and Be Well,
Upper Merion Area School District