

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BERGENFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Christopher M. Tully, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

100 South Prospect Avenue
Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621
201-385-8202

February 27, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are probably aware, there is global concern regarding the spread of the Coronavirus. I'm writing to notify you that Bergenfield Public Schools is following the situation closely and taking all possible precautions to safeguard our staff, students, and families. Currently, we're unaware of any confirmed cases of the virus within our community.

However, we are communicating daily with health experts from Bergenfield Health Department who are working closely with the New Jersey Department of Health, Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO). These agencies are prepared to immediately assist our school district, if needed, by providing recommendations and taking whatever actions become necessary to minimize the impact of the virus.

We are also in contact with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). NJDOE recommends that schools increase education on respiratory hygiene. We are focusing on training teachers and students to follow the steps listed below to prevent the transmission of respiratory infections. We ask that you assist by reinforcing these guidelines in your home as well:

- 1) Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your sleeve, not your hands.
- 2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- 3) Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- 4) Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- 5) Stay home from class and work if you're sick.
- 6) Avoid people who are sick.
- 7) Get a flu shot – it's not too late to be protected.
- 8) Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter. We will keep you informed of any new information or developments that could impact your child related to the Coronavirus. Feel free to contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns. As always, the safety of our school community is of utmost importance. Your shared commitment in this mission is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Christopher Tully, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools