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# JACKSON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Many people have questions about the outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus called COVID-19, particularly how it may affect schools. We are writing today to assure you that our district and school leaders are reviewing emergency management plans to prepare for the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

The Minnesota Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are closely monitoring the situation and regularly providing guidance. We are working closely with state and local agencies to stay up-to-date on the best ways to keep students and staff safe. We will continue to update our plans and provide you with more information as it becomes available. If you have questions about infectious diseases, please call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-5414.

We are currently in the prevention stage of helping manage the spread of coronavirus, COVID-19. At Jackson County Central, we believe prevention and preparation are our best defense in dealing with the unprecedented coronavirus, COVID-19.

Recommended actions for *all of us* to prevent the spread of *any* illness include:

- Protect yourself and others by washing your hands often with soap and water; covering your cough and sneeze; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you or your child are sick, stay home from school and activities.
- Do not return to school or work until you are feeling well and your fever has been absent for at least 24 hours *without* using fever-reducing medication.
- Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home. Keep enough food, regular prescription drugs, and other necessities on hand in the event you need to stay home and are unable to go out.
- Frequently clean all commonly touched work surfaces, work areas, and equipment (e.g., telephones, doorknobs, lunch areas, countertops, copiers, etc.).
- Talk to your children to prevent the fear of coronavirus and answer their questions with accurate information from the MDH or CDC websites.

Jackson County Central Schools is working diligently to increase preventative measures and develop a continuation plan should this virus land in our community. We are regularly attending conference calls with MDH; we've implemented changes in the nutritional and custodial services; and we're providing and encouraging extra time for students and staff to use best health practices. We are monitoring attendance closely; following our attendance policy; and continuing to provide education to our staff and students. Social distancing recommendations are also going to be followed for school hosted and attended events.

To learn more about COVID-19, visit:

Minnesota Department of Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>)<<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>>)

CDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>)

Thank you for working with us to keep our community informed and safe. Please contact Alyssa Anderson, RN/BSN/LSN district school nurse with any additional questions.

Sincerely  
Barry Schmidt Jackson County Central Superintendent

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