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SUPERINTENDENT

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To: WCPS Staff/WCPS Parents

From: Michael E. Hirsch, Ed.S

Re: Coronavirus

Dear Staff and Parents,

The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to rapidly evolve. While there are no reports of COVID-19 in Warren County, we have heard from staff and community members who are seeking guidance and expressing concern. Warren County continues to work closely with the Lord Fairfax Health District Department of Health (VDH) in monitoring the status of the virus and following current guidance from the VDH and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

School nurses and custodians play a vital role in ensuring schools are healthy learning environments. Nurses are available to monitor student health in our schools and our custodians clean our buildings, using CDC protocol, on a daily basis. The common areas are being cleaned multiple times each day to assist in our efforts. Extra cleaning supplies are available through the maintenance department for teachers who want to do extra disinfecting throughout the day. Please contact your Principal for these supplies. Classrooms who support students with medically involved situations have been identified and additional precautions are being taken. If you are aware of any students, or staff, with a medical condition where additional support is needed, please send the information to the Special Services Department.

The Food Services Department is also putting into effect the next level of food safety to continue in its prevention efforts. These next level strategies include eliminating self-serve lines and using individually wrapped foods whenever possible. These strategies should be fully implemented by Friday, March 13, 2020.

In addition, we would like to remind everyone to follow precautions from the CDC to keep you and your family healthy:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue, throw the tissue in the garbage and wash your hands. If a tissue is unavailable, cough/sneeze into your flexed elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick
- Stay home if you are sick

The health and well-being of our students and staff is always a top priority. WCPS will post updated information and recommendations on the WCPS website ([www.wcps.k12.va.us](http://www.wcps.k12.va.us)) as additional information becomes available.

Please continue to visit the CDC's COVID-19 website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) and the VDH's COVID-19 website (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>) for the most current information. For some additional information regarding Coronavirus in a school setting you can go to this link: (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/13/2020/03/VDH-Childcare-K-12-Guidance.pdf>).

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe,



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