Parents & Guardians

We understand staff, parents, and students may have questions and concerns about the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). As we continue to monitor the Coronavirus, we are writing to share some basic information and provide key resources for more detailed information.

Our school health staff and administration will be working closely with the Allegany County Department of Health to ensure we have the most up to date information. Our Health Services office follows guidance provided by the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

Health officials advise to continue the diligent steps recommended for seasonal outbreaks of the flu and the spread of contagious health conditions.

- frequent handwashing
- diligent disinfection of frequently touched surfaces
- covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- encouraging students and staff to stay home when sick

Student and staff safety is our top priority. Please be assured that all of our District cleaning staff have been trained in the proper procedures for the cleaning and disinfection of school buildings. We will be reviewing state and national guidelines for disinfecting cleansers that will help combat the spread of COVID-19.

This is an emerging, rapidly changing public health situation. We encourage you to keep up to date about COVID-19, its treatment, and prevention by visiting the following websites:

**Centers for Disease Control**


**NYS Department of Health**


**World Health Organization**

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
We request your partnership by encouraging your students to be diligent about the steps provided above both at home and at school. We will also be reinforcing these in school. If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms indicated for COVID-19, please contact your medical provider and our school nurse as a secondary point of contact.

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