



# HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Homer Schools Community,

I last wrote to you on March 4, 2020 regarding COVID-19. While the Homer Central School District DOES NOT have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, caused by the Novel Coronavirus in our schools, I do have some new information I want to share with you.

Please know that the school district works closely with the Department of Health (DOH). New guidance from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has provided additional guidelines for K-12 schools to handle COVID-19. The Governor has stated that if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the NYSDOH will require an initial 24-hour closure, in order to begin an investigation to determine the contacts the individual may have had within the school environment.

The District is taking a number of preventative steps to assist in limiting the spread of viruses, including the Novel Coronavirus. We have increased the frequency with which we clean and disinfect classroom desks and chairs, lunch tables, door handles, light switches, handrails, computers, and bathroom faucets. We are also using our Clorox misting machines in schools and on student transport vehicles.

Below is another reminder of the steps that students, staff, and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the NYS Department of Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Heavily soiled hands should be washed.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please know that under the law we cannot discuss confidential health information regarding any student or staff member. We will post additional updates on our website as circumstances dictate and have posted links to the DOH and CDC resources on the coronavirus.

As always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of illness.

Sincerely,

*Thomas M. Turck*

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Superintendent of Schools

CDC Website

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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