

Dear Sussex Charter Community,

As you are aware, there is growing concern regarding the Coronavirus. I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight precautions for preventing not only Coronavirus, but influenza and other viruses as well. I'd also like to share some information about how the school is being proactive in our efforts to prevent the spread of illness among students and staff.

First, all of the typical preventative measures are still effective:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash hands often, with soap and warm water, for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Keep your children home when they are sick.
- Children should not return to school unless they have been fever-free without medication for 24 hours.
- Avoid people who are sick.
- Get a flu shot – it is not too late to be protected.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and objects.

Additionally, we are utilizing increased and enhanced cleaning and disinfection measures, including daily sanitizing of all areas. Specifically, student desks, cafeteria tables, and restrooms are cleaned with disinfectant daily. The food service area is cleaned and sanitized daily. The nurse's office is also cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Drinking fountains are cleaned and disinfected daily. Building entry doors/handles are cleaned and disinfected daily. Furthermore, we are in regular contact with and receive continuing guidance from county and state agencies.

More useful information can be found from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> and the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). [Department of Health | Communicable Disease Service | COVID-19: Information for Communities and the General Public](#)

Sincerely,
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Superintendent