

Dear Parents of Career Center Students,

The Coronavirus outbreak and its potential spread have become a topic of concern among many in our community. The Wayne County Schools Career Center met with the Wayne County Health Department on Friday, March 6, 2020 to discuss the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact on our schools. We are following the recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Due to the current cases in Cuyahoga County Governor DeWine has jump started an increase in precautionary measures which are occurring locally (such as changes in who can attend after school activities, sporting events etc.). **With that being said all field trips for the Wayne County Schools Career Center have been cancelled until March 31.**

Information will be placed on our school website as well. Please check www.wcsc.org for updates and information.

The Wayne County Schools Career Center is reinforcing procedures to minimize the spread of illness in our school during flu season which are the same procedures for COVID-19. Some of these measures include; extra sanitization and cleaning throughout the building, re-educating on proper hand-washing techniques and covering a cough or sneeze properly, and monitoring students for symptoms of illness.

PREVENTION remains our focus. Some of the best ways to prevent the spread of any type of infection, including the flu and coronavirus, is to practice routine hygiene etiquette at home and school. We encourage you to follow these common sense strategies and teach your family members to do the same:

- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. If soap and water isn't available use a 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer. [CDC: When and How to Wash Your Hands](#).
- Cover mouth and nose by using your arm/sleeve or a tissue when you sneeze or cough. If hands are used wash them immediately or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick to reduce the risk of spreading germs (shaking hands, high fives, extremely populated areas).
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth as those are a means for entry of germs into the body.
- If sick with multiple flu like symptoms: fever (100.0 or above), cough, runny nose, sore throat, or difficulty breathing stay home unless going to the doctor.
- If a student has had a fever (100.0 or above) they must be fever free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, before returning to school.
- Use anti-bacterial cleaning products on all high touch surfaces including cell phones, laptops, and other devices. Discourage sharing of food and drinks.

We will remain in close contact with the Wayne County Health Department, and follow CDC protocols. Thank you for your assistance and patience.

Sincerely,

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