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Dear Staff,

It is hard to miss all of the media, on-line stories and public concern over the Coronavirus. As we look across the international, national, and local landscapes, it is clear that the COVID-19 Coronavirus is a rapidly evolving situation that requires time and attention. While there are no confirmed cases in our community some have hit close to home in Washington and Umatilla Counties and their local districts. As we monitor the situation it is important to us to operate in a manner that is focused on what is best for the health of our students, staff and community.

With this in mind, RSD is actively developing an influenza plan that focuses on three main areas:

1. Preparedness: Developing plans for a potential case or multiple cases in our schools, district and or community.
2. Response: Ensuring that there are processes in place to address potential or confirmed cases of the COVID-19 Coronavirus.
3. Recovery: Designing plans to address the needs of the students, staff and buildings after an instance of COVID-19 Coronavirus, if there is ever a confirmed case.

We are actively connecting with our community partners in preparation should the illness spread to our area. The Oregon Health Authority, is leading the response, and at this time, the threat to Oregonians remains low. Should the illness spread to our area, we will follow the direction of public health officials.

For now, we need to remain calm and work together to prevent illness and flu of all kinds. Attached is an FAQ to help you better understand the virus and how it spreads. For now, please practice prevention by:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Staying home when you are having flu like symptoms
- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing and sneezing
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Cover your cough or sneeze, then immediately throw any used tissues in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

As a precaution, we are initiating additional plans for disinfecting and sanitizing to include all knobs and community surfaces daily and focusing on handwashing and good hygiene practices for blowing our nose, coughing, or sneezing. We are also placing reminders around the building for good hygiene

practices and increasing access to hand sanitizers, tissue and trash cans. You can help by cleaning your office surfaces like computer keyboards, telephones, tables and surfaces that are more likely to be touched and increasing your already rigorous schedule of disinfecting and sanitizing your classrooms, assisting students in washing their hands frequently and practicing the prevention strategies listed above.

Our administrators are building the three-phase influenza plan and will continue to roll out information, strategies and safety supplies as they become available to help our staff, students and the community stay safe and healthy. Please reach out to me or your administrator with questions, concerns or needs. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Stay Healthy,

Jon Zwemke