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Dear Families:

We are certain that you are aware that there are many documented cases of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, throughout New York State. Morris Central School District does not have any reported cases of novel coronavirus, COVID-19, within our school community; however we are monitoring information from local, state and federal officials about the newly-emerged virus.

If the district becomes aware that one of our students or staff members is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will notify staff and families using our emergency alert call system and also post the information on our school website.

For now, the most important thing we can all do is to follow the standard preventative practices for influenza. There are a number of steps that students, staff, and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the New York State Department of Health:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- 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 issue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.


The state Department of Health also has information available on its website, including a coronavirus hotline: https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/.

We are continuing to work diligently in cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, common areas, school buses and other vehicles. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Matthew Sheldon
Superintendent

Katharine Smith
Principal

Gary Williams
Director of Pupil Personnel