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Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Greetings,

“Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common throughout the world. These viruses, at times, can evolve and infect people, then spread through human-to-human contact. Human coronaviruses spread just like the flu or a cold (through the air by coughing or sneezing; through close personal contact, like touching or shaking hands; or by touching an object or surface with the viruses on it”. (CDC) The coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is the most recent outbreak.

Although there are no confirmed cases in Idaho at this time good containment practices are effective regardless of the specific infectious agent. The School District is taking extra precautions sanitizing surfaces and objects that are touched often (e.g., desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones and toys.)

You can help by talking to your child about following proper hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and staying home when sick.

- Cover coughs or sneezes with a bent arm or tissue and wash hands afterwards.
- Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, dry hand with a paper towel, and use the paper towel to turn off the faucet.
- Try to keep hands away from nose, mouth, and eyes.
- Avoid sharing food, drinks, cosmetics or personal care items (lip balm, eye drops, etc.).
- Stay home when sick until at least 24 hours after fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.

We are monitoring information from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) closely and will take appropriate actions as needed. Be assured the health and safety of our students and staff are a priority of the administration and board.

Sincerely,

Jim Doramus