

# WYOMING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a prominent concern to everyone as reports are heard on the news and the recent confirmed cases in New York City. At present, there are no cases present here in Wyoming County and the immediate surrounding areas. Wyoming Central is monitoring this situation and following guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Wyoming County Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

Please be assured if the district becomes aware that a student, or staff member, is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will immediately notify staff and parent/guardians. If anyone shows respiratory symptoms, we will follow our current practices for handling respiratory illness and any additional guidance we receive.

Also, our maintenance staff will continue to clean and disinfect throughout the school. Our transportation department also has a daily routine to clean and disinfect the buses and vans. We all need to do our part by following the practices below:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Dry your hands thoroughly.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- 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 tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Medical experts consistently share that these steps continue to be the best defense against respiratory illness, including flu or COVID-19. Our school nurse and teachers also use these protocols in the classroom by reminding students to cover coughs or sneezes, wash hands or use hand sanitizers.

If you, or a family member, show symptoms of a respiratory disease, we ask you to contact your healthcare provider. When calling, if you suspect the symptoms are related to the Coronavirus, we encourage you to tell them and follow their advice.

Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:

- NY State Department of Health: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>
- Stigma Related to COVID-19
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/related-stigma.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about COVID-19
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- Prevention & Treatment of COVID-19
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.

Please know that, as always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of the illness. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



Kathleen E. Schuessler,  
Superintendent

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