

March 4, 2020

Dear MCCTC and Valley STEM Families,

As many of you know there has been an outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a new Coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in China. While it has made its way to the United States, there are no confirmed cases in the state of Ohio at this time. We do however, want to assure you that we are keeping track of the situation and will remain proactive and diligent in properly sanitizing all areas of the school building. We are using our custodial staff and outside companies to enhance our current practices. Additionally, we have been in contact with the local health department and are also proactively evaluating our school safety plan.

Flu prevention practices are doubly encouraged, including disinfection, covering coughs with a tissue or sleeve and frequent handwashing. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention said current symptoms reported for people with COVID-19 include mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The CDC recommends preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, such as:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Please note that each classroom currently has hand sanitizer dispensers available to all students and staff and we are currently adding more throughout the building. The Coronavirus is a rapidly evolving situation that we are following closely and we will continue to update you as information is shared with us. For more information on the Coronavirus, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Thank you,



John Zehentbauer, Superintendent

