February 4, 2020

Dear Hazel Park families and community,

We are aware that some Hazel Park Schools families are becoming concerned about the Novel Coronavirus. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the virus in Oakland County. There are a limited number of 2019-nCoV cases confirmed in the United States from travelers returning to the U.S. from abroad. Again, the 2019-nCoV has not been detected in Oakland County.

That being said, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. The CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (about the length of time it takes to sing the ABC's). They suggest individuals avoid touching their face with unwashed hands and avoid close contact with those who are sick. Please remind your child to frequently wash their hands and take care not to share food and drinks with friends.

Hazel Park Schools routinely cleans and disinfects surfaces. This week we added the additional precaution of a disinfectant system that is in rotation at all of our schools. Together, we can maintain a safe and healthy school environment for all learners and educators.

If your child presents with a fever or any of the common symptoms (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html) associated with 2019-nCoV, please keep them home and contact your family physician for
guidance. The best way to prevent the spread of any illness - including even the common cold - is to keep sick children home.

The incubation period for 2019-nCoV is estimated to be between two and fourteen days. If you were in China in the last 14 days or exposed to someone who has been to China and feel sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, you should follow the steps on the CDC's website:

For more information please visit, Oakland County Health Department-Novel Coronavirus. We will share any additional information from public health agencies with families. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your health care provider directly or contact Oakland County Public Health at 248-424-7000.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Kruppe, Superintendent