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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The recent media attention to the Coronavirus has generated quite a few questions in our school community. This morning, along with other Superintendents, I met with the Commissioner of Health for Nassau County, who was extremely willing to share with us the following current information about the Coronavirus:

- The Commissioner characterized this virus as being akin to the common cold. It is preventable by adhering to the usual precautions for other illnesses, such as the flu. They are:
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with your hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If you are able to do so, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- There have been **no** confirmed cases anywhere in New York State.
- There have been 15 confirmed cases in the United States.
- The incubation period for this illness is 14 days. As a result, US Citizens returning from China are quarantined for 14 days from the day they left China under the auspices of the Department of Health. This information comes from US Department of State.
- Currently, there are a number of people being monitored for the Coronavirus. None have presented with symptoms, however they are being monitored simply because they have traveled to China.
- Should the Department of Health become aware of a child who has been exposed to the Coronavirus, they will notify our schools in the same manner as they do for other communicable illnesses, such as Whooping Cough. We will, in turn, expediently notify our families accordingly.

The Commissioner assured us that there is no reason for immediate concern in our area. As this situation evolves, please know that we will remain in close contact with the appropriate officials, follow any recommendations they issue, and keep you informed of any new developments. We are sharing the following resources should you require additional information:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-china>

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/AlertCenter.aspx?AID=19>

Please know that we will continue to use our cleaning protocols in our buildings and buses. As we have stated before, we take special care during cold and flu season.

If you have further questions, the Commissioner of Health has suggested that we share this hotline number with you, which is staffed until 8 pm each night, after which a message can be left: (888) 364-3065.