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The Zachary Community School District has been carefully monitoring national and local updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We want to share with you the Zachary Community School District's current response to this health concern. As of this morning, there have been no confirmed cases in Louisiana.

The district is paying careful attention to this fluid situation and is following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Louisiana Department of Health. The district has infectious disease protocols in place to minimize the spread of the viruses including but not limited to:

- **Awareness and Reminders to students and staff, stressing the importance of stopping the spread of germs:**
 - Display of [Stop the Spread of Germs Posters](#)
 - Encouraging the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers that are widely available in classrooms, cafeterias and in common areas such as front offices.
 - **Custodial staff members are disinfecting classrooms and taking extra care to sanitize common areas such as doorknobs, counters, desks and tables, handrails, sinks and drinking fountains, bathrooms and any other areas handled frequently by multiple students and staff. Buses and other district vehicles are also being routinely cleaned and sanitized.**
 - Disinfecting wipes/sprays provided throughout district buildings to be used as needed
 - Utilizing ElectroStatic Sprayers routinely in all classrooms
 - **District administrators are continually monitoring student and staff absenteeism patterns, particularly if absences appear due to respiratory illnesses.**
 - **District administrators are continually monitoring field trips and student activities.**
- There are several steps students, staff and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the state Department of Health:**
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



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- Stay home when you are sick. If you think you are sick, consult your healthcare provider.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Or use the elbow method.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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 this illness. We will continue to share information as it becomes available.