



WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we continue to work with the Public Health Department to mitigate any risk to the Ware Learning Community and the community at large in the spread of the Coronavirus, the Ware Public School District continues to follow proper health and safety precautions to ensure the wellbeing of all students and staff. The School District has met with Judy Metcalf, the director of Public Health, along with the Police and Fire Departments to coordinate our plans to ensure we are covering all aspects of this outbreak. **While COVID-19 is a public health concern, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health continue to report that the immediate risk to the general public remains low as of this date.**

In collaboration with families and additional recommendations by Massachusetts governor Charlie Baker, to restrict international travel, the Ware Junior-Senior High School International Club has canceled their upcoming trip to Italy. We will continue to monitor all upcoming field trips on a case by case basis.

As a reminder, proper hygiene etiquette should be followed, which includes:

- *Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you are unable to wash with soap and water, use alcohol-based sanitizers.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.*
- *Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not both hands).*
- *Stay away from people who are sick.*
- *If you are sick, stay home.*

The School District continues to follow a proper cleaning and disinfecting program to include the following:

- *Cleaning hard surfaces (desks, tables, countertops, sinks). Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door handles, faucets, and railings), bathrooms, and health rooms. Use alcohol wipes to clean computer keyboards.*
- *Use "EPA-approved" disinfectant to clean high-touched surfaces and nurses' offices.*
- *The custodial staff is trained to use disinfectants in a safe and effective manner and to clean up potentially infectious materials and body fluid spills.*

For additional information please visit the following websites: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
http://cms.revize.com/revize/ware/2019-nCoV-fact-sheet-2020_0.pdf

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the Central Office of Ware Public Schools at (413) 967-4271.

Sincerely,

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