

# PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I have just returned from a meeting with the Nassau County Commissioner of Health, Dr. Lawrence Eisenstein, to review guidelines for responding to the growing concerns about the Coronavirus. The good news is that there are still no confirmed cases in the State of New York. However, the Nassau County Department of Health, in a proactive measure, is implementing the February 2, 2020 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines of a 14-day voluntary quarantine for all travelers from mainland China.

This means that anyone entering the country from mainland China will be monitored over that period. Schools will be informed of this quarantine, as well as any occurrences of the Coronavirus. The Commissioner has also assured us that there is no reason for us to change any of our activities, however we should be implementing prudent practices to promote a healthy environment.

The District has installed additional hand sanitizers throughout our buildings and employed additional cleaning measures to support these best practices. Since this is the height of the flu season, I encourage you to use the following preventative guidelines offered by the CDC:

- 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.
- 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.

New York State has established a Q & A Coronavirus line, 888-364-3065, that you may use as a resource. If your child is exhibiting flu symptoms, such as a fever and a cough, we ask that you keep your child at home and visit your medical doctor.

We will continue to keep you updated as soon as more information is communicated to us. The health and safety of our community remains our highest priority and collectively we can work to ensure this goal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorna R. Lewis  
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