

# SHAMONG TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families:

As you are probably aware, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a flu-like disease that was first identified in December. The CDC has issued a recommendation to stay informed as the virus has the potential to spread.

Be assured that the district continuously takes precautions in regards to reducing the spread of influenza-like illnesses, and follows the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Healthy Schools guidelines with regards to disinfecting our schools.

We are monitoring guidance documents from the CDC, the Burlington County Health Department and New Jersey Department of Education, to determine the best steps to take in our schools should we experience COVID-19.

The following are a few things that you can do to help reduce the spread of viruses in our schools and community. Please discuss these precautions with your child(ren) as appropriate.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve, not your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available. Hand sanitizing dispensers are placed throughout our schools.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid sick people.
- Review and follow CDC travel advisories when planning travel. If you become ill after travel please contact your healthcare provider.

Thank you for working with us to keep our students and staff virus free. For more information about COVID-19, visit our website, [www.shamongschools.org](http://www.shamongschools.org)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Vespe".

Dr. Christine Vespe  
Superintendent of Schools