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Dear Parents,

This is an update to the information currently provided regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus). The Bozrah Public Schools is continuing to monitor recommendations made by the CDC and our local health district (Uncas Health District). Our community has not seen any cases, nor have any cases been reported in Connecticut to date. However, in an abundance of caution, we are putting several preventative measures in place.

Fields Memorial School representatives have met in conjunction with First Selectman Carl Zorn, and a representative of the Bozrah Board of Education. Together, we reviewed the latest updates from the CDC, our local health district, the State Department of Education, and Governor Lamont's office. We have outlined available resources and put cleaning practices in place inclusive of all surfaces, rooms, and computer equipment. Our custodial staff has done an outstanding job responding to the need to continually disinfect all areas to prevent the spread of any illness at this time of year, including colds and flu. Our team reviewed our pandemic plan to meet any need that may arise should we need to close school for an extended time.

We will be instituting more frequent hand washing throughout the day. This is the one key preventative measure for any of the seasonal illnesses, along with coronavirus.

Our school nurse monitors all students to ensure a healthy environment. Please help us by keeping your child home if they are sick. We collect data on absences daily, and will be vigilant about monitoring absences as we move forward.

We are continuing to monitor the daily reports, and are ready to respond in accordance with our health professionals, and the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Families can help us prevent illness in our schools by:

- Frequent hand washing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or sneeze into your elbow
- The same good health habits apply here - a good night's sleep, nutritious meals and snacks, and keeping hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. The early symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the common cold or flu.
- Contact your health professional if you have any concerns about your family member.

We are sending these updates to keep our families informed, and to let you know that we are prepared to take all measures necessary to keep your children safe while in school. We will be diligent about monitoring daily updates, and will update you if and when new information is available. In the meantime, please know that this information is not to alarm you, but to provide ongoing communication to plan in a preventative manner.

Below is an article to help you talk about COVID-19 with your children.

Best Wishes - and stay healthy,

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[Talking to Children About COVID-19](#)