



Carlstadt Public School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The coronavirus has received a great deal of attention in the media over the last several weeks. However, it has been reported that the risk to the general public remains low at this time. The CDC advises that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus. General Flu activity throughout New Jersey remains high. Therefore, it continues to be recommended that individuals practice routine preventative actions to assist with the prevention of the spread of any respiratory viruses. Please share the recommendations below with your families and especially with your children.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home from school and work if you are not feeling well.
- Follow exclusion recommendations including being fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to work or school.

At this time, the need to close school or cancel school wide activities as the result of coronavirus during the day and evening does **not** exist. Our district will continue to follow standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting all classrooms and large group activity areas. If you have traveled to other countries outside of the United States that have been identified as at risk for the coronavirus within the last 14 days and are sick with a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, you should seek medical care immediately. We will continue to receive information from both the local and state health departments. Since this is an ongoing and evolving public health emergency, we will also continue to monitor risk criteria and notify you as more information becomes available to us.

Coronavirus activity continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Up to date information can be obtained at the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> Please contact your healthcare provider regarding specific questions about your child or family. Should you have general questions, please call the NJ 24-Hour Public Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

I thank you in advance for assisting the school district with this important issue. Our number one priority continues to be the safety of our students and staff and together we will do our best to plan and be prepared should the need arise in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen M. Kollinok".

Stephen M. Kollinok
Superintendent of Schools