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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the Berlin Brothersvalley School District the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and reference our process and communications.

First, it is important to remember that at this time, there have only been a small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

We encourage our students, staff and families to be mindful of key preventive measures. We continue to regularly clean and disinfect areas and items likely to have frequent hand contact. We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- In addition, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be in school. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to class after any illness. Please refer to the health guidelines outlined on our district website. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

The CDC and PA Department of Health offer tips and additional information on their websites that can be useful in avoiding the spread of this and other illnesses. There are information sheets from the PADOH and CDC on our website as well.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school nurse, the building principal, or myself at 267-4621.

Sincerely,

Dr. David F. Reeder  
Superintendent