



February 27, 2020

Dear Warren Township Schools Community,

This week, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provided updated information about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and encouraged local, state, and federal agencies to work on plans for responding to the potential for widespread illness in our communities. While the CDC has not yet released specific guidance for schools, Warren Township School District officials are working with our colleagues through Somerset County to prepare.

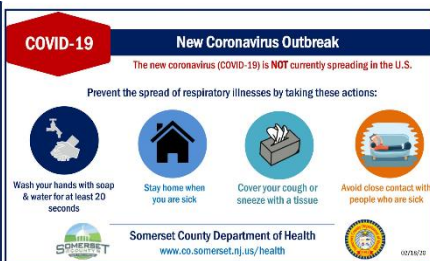
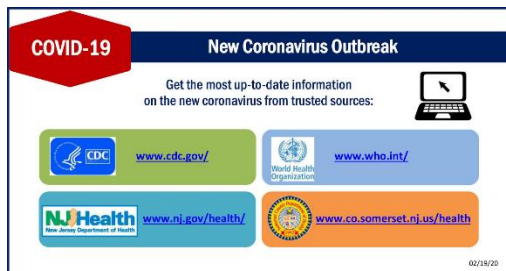
It is important to emphasize that as of a February 24, 2020 press release, the Somerset County Department of Health (SCDOH) states there have been no cases reported in Somerset County or New Jersey. To date, a total of 14 cases have been reported in the United States. The SCDOH is the lead agency for COVID-19 response in our area and maintains an updated [website](#) with helpful information.

The SCDOH recommends simple daily health precautions that can prevent the spread of the coronavirus or other diseases:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water, and for at least 20 seconds each time.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Stay home when you are sick.

We are fortunate to have full-time certified school nurses in each of our school buildings and custodial staff that are second to none. Together with our administrators, they ensure that our facilities are as clean as possible and that students, parents, and staff learn and work in healthy and safe environments. Please help them do their jobs by keeping children home when they are sick and sharing information about symptoms of illness that can assist in preventing the spread of communicable diseases.

We will continue to work with our partners to stay informed and prepared for future developments and keep you updated as new information emerges or conditions change.



24-Hour Public Hotline

Coronavirus questions are being handled by the health experts at the New Jersey Poison Control Center, please call:

1-800-222-1222

The call is free.

Sincerely,

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