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The Parma City School District's top priority is the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff.

The PCSD has been monitoring the recent developments of the outbreak of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the coronavirus. According to the CDC, "Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China."

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever and lower respiratory tract issues such as cough and shortness of breath. Currently, there is not an anti-viral medication or vaccination available for COVID-19.

Currently, the State of Ohio has no confirmed cases of COVID-19. As of now, the district has no reason to believe that there is any cause for alarm in regard to the health of students and staff at any PCSD building.

The PCSD will continue to follow any guidance received from the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Board of Health and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in regard to COVID-19. If we were to experience a COVID-19 case, we will take our direction from these agencies regarding potential school closings.

The PCSD will continue to perform routine cleaning of our school facilities to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. We will include a greater emphasis on frequently touched surfaces and areas, including classrooms, bathrooms, and cafeterias. If needed, the PCSD can quickly deploy special cleaning and sanitizing methods for buildings and areas.

Many areas in school buildings, including classrooms and offices, have hand sanitizers and tissues for student and staff use. Although hand sanitizers can be effective as second line of defense for spreading disease, they should not be considered a substitute for thoroughly washing of hands.

Please join the PCSD in encouraging students to practice good health habits, at home and at school. These actions include:

- Avoid contact with people that are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

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- Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol
- Choose a room in your home that can be used to separate sick household members

If more updates become available from any national or local agency, the PCSD will quickly communicate any relevant information to those in our school community.

For more information about COVID-19, please click on the links below:

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation Summary (CDC)
- About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CDC)
- Get Your Household Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (CDC)
- COVID-19 Information (Ohio Department of Health)
- Coronavirus COVID-19 Information (Cuyahoga County Board of Health)

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