

March 5, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of Julie Billiard Schools,

Please be aware of the steps we are taking to better prepare Julie Billiard Schools students, faculty and staff for the potential community transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety of our students, faculty, and staff, is *always* our topmost concern.

At this time, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Ohio. However, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that schools actively plan and be prepared for possible Scenarios. We are closely monitoring this situation and taking direction from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) and Prevention and the [Ohio Department of Health](#).

As with any illness, please notify Julie Billiard Schools if your child is unable to attend school due to illness. Anyone who exhibits symptoms should seek immediate medical attention. [Click here](#) for information on symptoms, prevention, and treatment from the CDC. In accordance with CDC guidelines, if a student, faculty or staff member travels to an area identified as a “community spread of coronavirus,” they may not return to school until it is safe to do so as determined by CDC guidelines.

While this is a serious public health situation, the CDC continues to believe the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time.

Soap and hand towel supplies are checked frequently by the JB maintenance staff. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are available in all classrooms, offices and community areas. Additionally, health promotion materials are posted throughout Julie Billiard Schools.

Please remember, and review with your child:

- Practice good hygiene.
- Hand washing is the best preventative for the spread of germs. Students and staff should be washing hands frequently, especially before and after meals and including snack time.
- Avoid touching your face, cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and practice good overall health habits, including sleeping, eating and drinking water appropriately.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.
- Remain at home when ill. Seek medical attention if your symptoms don't improve.
- The CDC also recommends making sure you've received this season's flu vaccine; it won't prevent coronavirus, but it will reduce the risk of contracting regular influenza, which means fewer people will need medical care at the same time as any coronavirus patients.

As new information is available, or if public health recommendations for schools change, we will keep our community informed. Thank you for your confidence in Julie Billiard Schools. Together, we can ensure that our students and staff members continue to experience a safe and healthy school environment.

If you have any questions, please contact the administrative team.

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