Dear ISD110 parents and staff:

We hope everyone enjoyed their spring break. As we prepare to return to school after the break, you have no doubt been following the news about COVID-19, otherwise known as the "coronavirus". We wanted to give you an update on what ISD110 is doing in regards to the potential spread of the coronavirus.

We are following the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Both agencies are working together on decisions regarding potential school closures or any additional impact on schools if the virus were to spread in Minnesota. Health officials are encouraging schools to follow protocols already in place for the influenza season.

At this point, the most important things that we all can do are the exact same things that are recommended to prevent the spread of any illness:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Make sure children wash their hands well, especially after using the restroom, before eating and after blowing their nose
- Use your arm to cover your nose and mouth (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing
- Keep kids home from school and activities when they are sick
- Do not return to school or work until your fever is gone for a full 24-hour period without the use of fever-reducing medications

Avoid close contact with anyone who has flu-like symptoms (fever, coughing, sore throat, etc.)

If you have any questions about COVID-19 or any infectious disease, the Minnesota Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control have the most updated information on a daily basis. You can get information online or call the MDH COVID-19 Hotline. (651) 201-3920

Minnesota Department of Health

Centers for Disease Control

Student safety is always a priority at ONE10. We will continue to closely monitor the situation, follow guidance from health officials, and keep you informed, as needed, through our regular communication channels.

Pat Devine, Superintendent, Waconia Public Schools