



Manhasset Public Schools

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Dear Manhasset School Community,

The recent news involving the Novel Coronavirus is creating concern across the globe, and our school district is closely monitoring all facets of the emerging situation very carefully. We remain in close communication with and will continue to follow the guidance from the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and the Nassau County Department of Health (DOH).

I want to take a moment to update you on some of the precautions and actions we have taken and will be taking within our schools:

- Our custodial staff has been cleaning frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, computer keyboards, handrails, etc.) on a daily basis.
- All cleaning and disinfecting products are district-provided and administered by the custodial staff.
- We utilize large disinfecting machines to clean classrooms and large spaces. All spaces have been disinfected.
- Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day with greater frequency.
- We are installing additional non-alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations.
- Our district lead nurse participates in weekly briefings specific to coronavirus, facilitated by NYSDOH and the CDC.
- The District's Pandemic Plan, a part of the District-Wide School Safety Plan, is up to date. We are prepared to activate the Plan should we be so directed by the DOH.

If you have specific questions about your child's health, please be sure to communicate with your child's physician. Students who show any evidence of not feeling well should remain at home and students who are ill must be fever-free for at least 24 hours (without using a fever-reducing medicine) before returning to school. As always, your child's school nurse and/or principal remain a resource to you and your family regarding this issue.

Additionally, I'd like to remind our community about the simple steps we can all take to help stop the spread of coronavirus, influenza, and other respiratory viruses:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze inside your elbow or with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The latest information about the Novel Coronavirus and preventative measures can be found on the websites for the following organizations and agencies:

CDC's dedicated 2019-nCoV website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

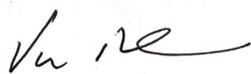
NYSDOH's dedicated 2019-nCoV website:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Nassau County Department of Health: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1652/Health-Department>

Additionally, the NYS Department of Health has established a hotline to answer questions about the Novel Coronavirus at 1-888-364-3065.

As always, the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff remain the District's primary concern. Please be assured that we will continue to follow the directions we receive from State and local authorities regarding the Novel Coronavirus, and will take the precautionary measures outlined above for the safety of our school community. I will continue to keep you updated on any information as I receive it. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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