



# PINE GROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Promoting Growth, Achievement, Success, and Direction for ALL Children!*



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In Pine Grove Area School District the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and reference our process and communications.

At this time, there have only been a small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

We all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a coronavirus outbreak in our school district community. We encourage everyone to practice good habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away, make every effort to wash your hands for 20 seconds. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.
- In addition, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class after any illness. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 570-345-2731.

Sincerely,

Heath W. Renninger, Superintendent

**Additional resources can be found at:**

- Pennsylvania Department of Health <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Information <<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>