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## Sandy Creek Central School District

## "Comet Pride is Community-Wide!"

March 5, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians:

New York State recently confirmed its first cases of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). While there are no reports of local cases at this time, we would like to inform you of the precautions that we are taking in our schools.

First, the District is following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and Oswego County Health Department. These organizations are monitoring the situation closely and provide regular updates.

The District has infectious disease protocols in place and has been taking steps to minimize the spread of all viruses. Specifically, we are sanitizing all high-touch surfaces daily, promoting frequent hand washing with our staff and students, and providing hand sanitizer dispensers in classrooms. The District is also closely monitoring staff and student illness and absentee rates.

You can help this effort by keeping your child home if he or she is sick. Students should not attend school if they have a fever or signs of respiratory illness and should not return to school until symptoms are well controlled and fever free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.

For more information, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has established a hotline at 1-888-364-3065 and website (linked below). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Oswego County Health Department also have websites on this topic (linked below).

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

https://health.oswegocounty.com/information/2019 novel coronavirus/index.php

We will keep you updated as we receive guidance from health professionals. Please do not hesitate to contact our school health offices with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Kyle L. Faulkuer

Superintendent of Schools