



COLUMBIA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Columbia Parents/Guardians:

The safety and security of our students is our highest priority. Currently, the Coronavirus is receiving significant media coverage. ***There are NO reported cases of Coronavirus in our school district or in Pennsylvania.*** However, we are closely monitoring the spread of this virus in the United States.

We are providing information, so you are aware of this issue. Please be assured that Columbia Borough School District administrators will continue to monitor, prepare for, and respond to any health or safety issue that may impact us. Our school nurses will continue to monitor students for symptoms of colds, flu, and any type of virus. They will follow our normal protocol of contacting you immediately if they detect any illness in your student.

As we work with the Center for Disease Control (CDC), we are reminding students and families to follow these steps to prevent any respiratory virus:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick. If your child has a fever, he/she should be kept home until fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you would like more information on the Coronavirus, please visit the links below:

- [CDC Information on Coronavirus](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health Information on Coronavirus](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Education Information on Coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization Information on Coronavirus](#)

Columbia Borough School District will continue to work closely with federal, state, and local organizations in the event there is a higher threat in our area. We will focus our efforts on prevention in our schools for a safe learning environment. You will be informed if there is any additional information involving our district.

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal or nurse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Strickler".

Thomas Strickler
Superintendent