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Dear Parents, Students and Staff Members:

With recent concerns over the outbreak of a virus called COVID-19, commonly referred to as Coronavirus, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has distributed information and guidance for schools across the state.

The safety and wellness of our students and staff members are always a priority. High School District 211 is closely monitoring information and guidance issued by the IDPH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the spread of the virus and the recommended plans for schools.

Following IDPH guidance, District 211 is advising that any student returning to the local community after having traveled to China stay home from school for 14 days from the student's return to the United States. These school absences will be marked as excused on a student's attendance record. If a student or another immediate family member has travelled to China within the past month, please contact your school's nurse.

District 211 custodial staff members and members of the transportation department are taking extra precautions concentrated on enhanced cleaning procedures throughout each school and our school buses. In addition, the following precautions are recommended by the IDPH for you and your family to help prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

Students and staff members have been reminded of these recommendations through in-school announcements and signage.

High School District 211 will continue to follow recommendations and guidance provided by the IDPH and the CDC. The District also is preparing plans in the event that the virus is detected in our schools. Should a situation call for these plans to be implemented, further guidance and information will be communicated as soon as possible. As additional information about the Coronavirus becomes available,

including any additional precautions that should be followed, students, parents, staff members and community members will be informed promptly. Should you have any health-related questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse's office.

Additional information about the Coronavirus is available on the [CDC website](#), as well as the [IDPH website](#). Also, FAQs about the Coronavirus and schools from the IDPH are posted [here](#).

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Cates
Superintendent

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