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Cardinal Parents/Guardians,

The District has received a few questions from stakeholders regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19). It is important to note that to date, **there have been no confirmed cases of the virus in Missouri**. This communication is purely preventative and informative in nature.

The Clinton School District, as well as all districts in the state of Missouri, are receiving frequent updates and information on COVID-19 from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). These agencies continue to prepare for any/all outcomes related to COVID-19. The Clinton School District will continue to work with these partners as they monitor and manage the current situation with the coronavirus. If you would like additional information please visit the DHSS website ([www.health.mo.gov](http://www.health.mo.gov)) or the CDC website ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).

In the meantime, we urge all families to continue to maintain healthy habits as we do during any cold and flu season. Steps that you can take to prevent the spread of flu and the common cold, will also help prevent coronavirus:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (if not available, use hand sanitizer)
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth
- Avoid people who are sick
- Stay home while you are sick (children must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school)
- Avoid close contact with others
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing

The health and well-being of our students and staff are priorities in the Clinton School District. We appreciate your support as we work together and follow these important guidelines at all times to keep members of our school community safe and healthy. Please feel free to reach out to myself or our district nurse, Julie Balke, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Destry Brown  
Superintendent  
Clinton School District