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Dear Families,

With all the COVID-19 "Coronavirus" information in the media, we wanted to update you on the information the Evansville Community School District has at this time. Please be assured that we have been working closely with Abbey Tway, our District Nurse to ensure our Pandemic Plan is up to date and aligned to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) recommendations. We continue to monitor and follow the most recent information and recommendations from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Department of Health, the Rock County Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction released the following statement: "We do not know if Wisconsin will see a pandemic. It is important to note imported cases of COVID-19 in travelers have been detected in the United States and that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 has also been seen among close contacts of returned travelers from Wuhan (China) but at this time, this virus is NOT currently spreading in Wisconsin."

In addition, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has asked us to share the following:

- The risk of coronavirus in the US is low. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> for the most up-to-date information
- Stay home when you're sick
- Get your flu shot
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if no soap and water are available.
- Avoid assumptions or stereotypes about who you think might be sick.
- We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We encourage you to contact your district school nurse or local public health department.

Sincerely,

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Director of Student Services