

DOWNE TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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VERY IMPORTANT – Please read this page in its entirety

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Downe Township Elementary School the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and reference our process and communications.

First, it is important to remember that at this time, there have only been a small number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States and New Jersey. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in the United States.

We encourage our students, staff and families to be mindful of key preventive measures. The CDC offers some tips on its website that can be useful in avoiding the spread of this and other illnesses.

In addition, we ask that you refrain from coming into our school if you are sick, have a fever, cough or any other symptoms.

We have set up a **hand-sanitizing station** upon entering the main door at school and we ask ALL VISITORS (AND STUDENTS COMING IN OTHER THAN REGULAR SCHOOL TIMES) HAND-SANITIZE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ENTERING THE SCHOOL.

WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE ANY CASES OF CORONAVIRUS IN OUR COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL SO IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO CREATE PANIC, WE ARE JUST REINFORCING PREVENTATIVE SAFETY MEASURES.

In addition, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class after any illness. Please refer to the health guidelines outlined on our district website. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

If the student absences are due to RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, like cough, shortness of breath and fever, please contact the School Nurse, as we are closely monitoring symptoms which may indicate coronavirus. These symptoms are the same as a common cold or the flu, so do not be alarmed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the School Nurse Giulia Sacco RN BSN CSN-NJ at 856-447-4673, opt 2

Sincerely,

Sherri Miller, Superintendent/Principal