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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Please be assured** that since the Centers for Disease Control began communicating about the Novel Coronavirus, Atwater Elementary School District **has remained vigilant**. We continue to follow CDC guidance, as well as guidance from public health departments at the State and County levels in order to keep our student and staff populations safe and healthy. This notice is to inform you about the district's recent efforts in light of this situation:

- AESD school nurses are in close communication with the Merced County Department of Public Health to actively monitor the situation.
- Hand sanitizing stations are already located in every classroom, and will be placed at the entrance of all school cafeterias for use before entry.
- Maintenance and custodial staff will continue to provide high levels of facility sanitation. The district has purchased state of the art equipment and supplies to assist in this effort.

The following list describes ways to take everyday preventative actions:

- Stay home when you are sick. Remain home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines.
- Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- To prevent the spread of germs, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects, especially when someone is ill.
- Wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds using soap and clean, running water. If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.

*The following links provide resources and up to date information on the Novel Coronavirus:*

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

**California Department of Public Health:**

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>

**Merced County Department of Public Health:**

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/3350/Coronavirus>