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Hello Families, Students, and Staff!

In light of the massive amount of news regarding the Coronavirus, COVID-19, Winslow Unified School District would like to let you know what we are doing to fend off the threat.

1. We are cleaning, deep cleaning our buildings
2. We will make sure to have extra antibacterial wipes on hand for teachers and staff
3. If students or staff come to school ill, they will be sent home
4. We will keep families updated by text and FaceBook of any changes or unforeseen emergencies. Please make sure your contact info is up to date

The District has been in contact with Navajo County Public Health Services. We will follow their direction when dealing with this threat. At this time, it is felt that schools should remain open. After school activities can proceed as planned. Again, all at the direction of the Governor, School Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, and Director Dr. Cara Christ. An overview was sent to staff containing this information:

“In today’s conversation, Dr. Christ shared with school leaders that school closures could potentially lead to an increase in community spread if students were to be placed in a different congregate area outside of their regular communities for childcare purposes. Importantly, when community spread is minimal, keeping our schools open also provides children with a regular routine that helps reduce panic and fear in the midst of tense times.

Should ADHS and county health departments’ recommendations change regarding school closures, ADE will work with our school leaders and state officials to help schools in the process. ADE is committed to keeping families, students, and educators as healthy and safe as possible.”

At this time WUSD offers the tips below. Precautions that should always be taken with any viral or antibacterial infection, such as:

- Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds or 2 rounds of Happy Birthday, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Use hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth when sneezing with a tissue or elbow
- Stay home if you are feeling ill or run down. This goes for staff and students.
- If you are sick, be sure to clean your towels, bedding, bathroom surfaces, and clothing.

There are certain groups of people that carry a greater chance of a potentially fatal outcome. These groups include those individuals who are advanced in age (65+), infants and young children, serious conditions such as advanced cardiovascular and lung disease(s), diabetes, those who are immunocompromised or have autoimmune conditions, those taking immunosuppressive medications and individuals with cancer.

While a lot of decent information can be found on the CDC’s website, we are offering additional health tips below that are very important to the health and well-being of the individual. Information, according to the CDC, can be viewed here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>