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Dear NKASD Parents and Guardians:

The District is aware that respiratory infections are common, particularly at this time of the year. However, Health Officials throughout the United States and Pennsylvania are taking steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) throughout the United States, Pennsylvania, and our communities. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can easily spread from person to person.

While currently there is no specific antiviral treatment for the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the CDC has recommended a number of simple daily precautions that everyone should take to help prevent the spread of illnesses, including but not limited to the following:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are ill;
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
3. Wash your hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds. If soap & water is not available, use an Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer;
4. Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue or the crook of your arm, and then promptly wash you hands or use hand sanitizer;
5. Get plenty of rest/sleep;
6. Get the seasonal flu vaccine. Although current flu vaccines are not protective against the Coronavirus, the seasonal flu vaccine may help prevent the flu, which is known to cause possible severe respiratory illness;
7. Clean and Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

Our custodial staff will be extra vigilant in performing proper cleaning throughout District facilities and it is important to understand that the cleaning products used to clean and disinfect high-contact areas in District facilities are helpful in combating the Coronavirus.

The District wants to reassure you that every effort is being made to protect the health and safety of the students and staff of the New Kensington Arnold School District. If you have a specific school-related health question involving your child, please contact the School Nurse in your child's school building. Questions of a general nature should be directed to your personal physician or the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The listed links below offer additional facts and prevention measures. Your understanding and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,  
*John E. Pallone*  
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Superintendent

LINKS:

Centers for Disease Control – Coronavirus Fact Sheet:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-h.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control – Stopping the Spread of Germs:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>

Governor Wolf's Press Release:

<https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/>