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Dear Lower Township Elementary Schools Community:

Lower Township Elementary Schools is committed to providing information and education regarding the health and well-being of our community. Please be assured that our administration continues to monitor the evolving situation surrounding the novel coronavirus, now known as COVID-19. We are working collaboratively with our local health departments and following guidance that has been provided by the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization.

COVID-19 presents with signs and symptoms that may be indistinguishable from much more common respiratory viruses. At this time, respiratory illnesses are much more likely to be due to common viruses (e.g., influenza, common cold) than COVID-19. We want to take this opportunity to remind families, staff, and students that no one should return to school unless they have been fever-free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

**COVID-19 Warning Signs/Symptoms:**

*The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.\**

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

**Steps to Prevent Transmission of Respiratory Infections:**

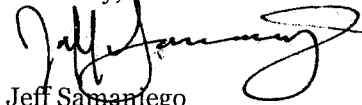
*NJDOH recommends that schools and childcare settings increase education on respiratory hygiene. Please follow these steps that prevent the transmission of respiratory infections:*

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home if you're sick, especially with a fever.
- Avoid people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.

The Lower Township Elementary School district is implementing some precautionary measures while simultaneously ensuring that we stay abreast of any new information. We will continue to follow our standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA-registered product on all frequently touched surfaces.

We will continue to remain in communication with you regarding this emerging situation.

Sincerely,



Jeff Samanlego  
Superintendent