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A message from the Norwalk City School District:

School districts in our area, across Ohio, and throughout the nation are paying close attention to the global spread of the Novel Coronavirus. Our district team is monitoring the situation and preparing multiple response options.

We are working closely with the Huron County Public Health Department and will continue to do so. Schools in our area have been dealing with many cases of influenza. Thankfully, the same precautions taken to prevent the spread of the flu will also help decrease the spread of other diseases, including the Novel Coronavirus.

The best preventative measures at this time, against both the influenza and corona viruses, are good hygiene practices:

- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the bend of your elbow
- Regularly wash your hands (for at least 20 seconds) or use a hand sanitizer in between washes
- Do not share cups, water bottles, forks, spoons, etc. with anyone
- Stay home from work or school if you are feeling sick
- Clean frequently touched surfaces.

Throughout cold and flu season, our maintenance and custodial crews have made additional efforts to clean and disinfect touchable surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, lockers, tables and restrooms. We will continue these efforts as precautionary measures.

As the situation continues to develop, the Norwalk City School District will follow the guidance of local, state and national experts. Reliable information can be found through these agencies and organizations:

- Huron County Public Health
 - <https://www.huroncohealth.com/>
- Ohio Department of Health
 - <https://odh.ohio.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

As additional information and updates become available, the Norwalk City School District will share them with students, staff, parents and guardians. In the meantime, we encourage all parents to have age-appropriate discussions with their children about proper hygiene habits.