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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We would like to keep you up to date as to how we are handling the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Johnsburg Central School does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19.

The district continues to closely monitor this situation and follow guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Warren County Department of Health and the New York State Education Department.

We are aware that COVID-19 is actively circulating in New York State at this time. If the district becomes aware that a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will immediately notify staff and parents/guardians.

Common symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Precautions that Johnsburg Central School has taken:

- Frequent wipedown and disinfecting of common areas
- Frequent hand washing
- Encouraging the use of water bottles or cups at drinking fountains (mouthpieces are not in use)
- Encouraging frequent cleaning of water bottles at home
- Elimination of perfect/excellent attendance awards

Tips to limit the spread of illness:

- Stay home when you are sick. Call or visit your doctor immediately.
- Do not return to work/school until fever free for 24-48 hours
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Heavily soiled hands should be washed prior to using hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid largely crowded areas/events

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or into your elbow
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Local health departments will contact schools if a suspected or known COVID-19 case emerges. The district is prepared to work with any affected families. Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information, available at: cdc.gov/coronavirus.

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns. Please know that, as always, the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to help prevent the spread of this illness. The district will continue to share information as it becomes available.

Sincerely

JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Superintendent