



Dear BAS family,

Given the current worldwide concern surrounding the coronavirus, also referred as COVID-19, we thought it was necessary to provide some information related to this very fluid situation in an effort keep you updated from a district level.

In terms of Livingston County and more specifically BAS, we have been in regular communication with our county superintendents, LESA and the local health department as any direction we take will be under the guidance of public health officials. Our monthly superintendent's meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday with the Livingston County Health Department and COVID-19 will be the primary discussion topic. Additional information will be shared district wide following this meeting.

While there are several confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the U.S., no cases have been confirmed here in Michigan. Public health officials continue to advise the risk to the general public here in the U.S. remains low. Recently the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued their first set of guidance for schools. That communication is attached to this email and I strongly encourage you review.

Additionally, it's flu season in Michigan. If you are ill, stay home and rest. Here are everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- 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; however soap and water is best
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

The following link from the University of Michigan provides another very good resource for the latest information as well as an FAQ sheet.

<https://publicaffairs.vpcomm.umich.edu/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

This is a rapidly changing situation. We will continue to work closely with our community partners and provide you with updates as additional information becomes available.

Sincerely,  
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BAS Superintendent