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Parents of Montague County Students

Montague County school district administrators are in continuous communication with state, county and federal officials regarding the Coronavirus [COVID-19]. This is an evolving situation, and Montague County schools will make informed decisions based on guidance and recommendations from health authorities, the Texas Education Agency, and the University Interscholastic League.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that all travelers, especially those with underlying medical conditions, defer international travel at this time. If you are leaving the country, please pay attention to your health during travel and for 14 days after you leave that country.

As with any illness, the district stresses the importance of students and staff staying home if they are ill. Individuals must be fever free for 24 hours, without fever-reducing aids such as Tylenol, Advil, or Ibuprofen. In addition, students should not be vomiting or have had diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning to school. For individuals who are not ill, we encourage continuance of proper hand-washing and good hygiene techniques to prevent the spread of illness.

Montague County school districts continue to be proactive in providing a safe and clean school environment. Campuses are receiving thorough cleaning and sanitizing daily including:

- Daily wiping/sanitizing of all flat surfaces, desks, door handles and high-touch areas
- Use of sanitizers in classrooms, hallways, foyers and cafeterias
- Sanitizing and wiping down high-touch areas in school buses

Over Spring Break, we will be conducting a thorough cleaning of all campuses using hospital-grade disinfectant recommended by the CDC. Additionally, all of our school buses will be sanitized over Spring Break using the same hospital-grade disinfectant used by the custodial staff.

The Montague county school districts remain committed to providing a safe and healthy environment. As the latest developments continue to rapidly evolve, our plans and procedures may be subject to change to ensure the best for our students and staff.

We are very grateful of your patience and understanding as we work to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to keep everyone safe.

For an explanation of COVID-19, please refer to the following World Health Organization video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOV1aBVYKGA&feature=youtube>

Kind Regards,

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