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Continental Parents and Community,

As you are all well aware, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is in the news every day. What is not in the news, are the efforts of the hard-working staff at Continental, who are keeping our buildings and the people that enter safe and healthy. Because Continental Local Schools take ALL illness seriously, we have prescribed many different prevention methods over the past few years.

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING BEFORE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CONCERNS?

- Teachers and staff encourage students to wash hands regularly.
- Teachers and staff assess students in the classrooms for signs/symptoms of illness and send students to the office as necessary.
- Posters are in every bathroom reminding students to wash their hands.
- Hand sanitizer stations are throughout the buildings, since 2014.
- Antibacterial soaps are in all restrooms.
- Custodians routinely wipe down door handles, desks and other surfaces.
- In 2019, we began using an electro-static fogger to kill germs in classrooms and buses.
- We continually monitor attendance rates.

HOW WE HAVE RESPONDED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) CONCERNS?

- All of the above items, PLUS
- Increased electro-static fogger from 1 time per week to 3 times per week.
- Instructed staff to be more vigilant in encouraging good hygiene among students and other staff.
- Increased frequency of disinfecting doorknobs, light switches, and other frequently touched items.
- Instructed staff to increase the frequency of wiping down areas and items such as computers, iPads, and Chromebooks.

OTHER MEASURES TO ASSIST IN THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

- Continental Local Schools are in communication with the Putnam County Health Department.
- We continually monitor the attendance of both students and staff.

WHAT CAN I DO AT HOME?

- Remind your child of good hygiene and the importance of washing hands frequently.
- Keep your child home ***IF*** they are sick. Do not send your child to school with a fever.
- Disinfect and keep your home as healthy as possible.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL

At this point, there has been little to no discussion about closing school. Superintendents from around the county will be meeting with the health department this week to discuss protocols and procedures ***IF*** such a need arises.

I know this can be a scary time. Please know that Continental Local Schools are doing what we have ALWAYS done, and that is to put CHILD SAFETY FIRST. As we move forward, please visit www.continentalpirates.org and sign up for our text alerts to stay informed as to what actions the school may be taking. I will be doing a Monday update via text alert and will also be putting that information on our website at www.continentalpirates.org.

The following links are included to assist you in learning all you can to keep you and your family healthy:

<https://www.putnamhealth.com/>

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

If you have further questions or concerns please call me at 419-596-3671.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and safety of your child.

Yours in Education,

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