



Ayer Shirley Regional School District

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Dear Families,

This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated information regarding the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). It is important to note that this virus is NOT currently spreading in communities in the United States. At this time, Massachusetts has one confirmed case of COVID-19 and the risk to residents remains low. Right now, the greatest risk of infection is for people in China or people who have traveled recently to China.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit the district website at www.asrsd.org.

At the same time, the risk for the influenza virus is very high. All students should continue to practice general flu prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Recommend the flu shot – it's never too late
- Stay home if you're feeling sick
- Consult your physician if a fever, cough, or shortness of breath develop

At school we will continue to teach students:

- Good handwashing
- Covering their cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Keeping hands away from face and mouth

Please know that the Ayer Shirley Regional School District is taking the necessary steps in disinfecting our schools on a daily basis to lower the risk of spreading infection. Our custodial staff is trained to use disinfectants in a safe and effective manner. Hard surfaces such as desks, door handles, faucets, railings are cleaned and disinfected using an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectant.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me, Rene Paine, Nurse Leader, at 978-772-8600 x1406, or rpaine@asrsd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Rene Paine'.

Rene Paine, BSN, RN, NCSN
Nurse Leader