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Dear Elwood School Staff and Families,

As we head into spring season, we face the reality in our nation of COVID-19 or more commonly known as coronavirus. At this time, the health risk to the general public from coronavirus is still isolated to specific cases. That being said, the health and safety of our students is our top priority, so I want to share with you information the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has published for schools throughout the state regarding COVID-19.

Currently, the IDPH recommends schools hold classes and events as usual, and follow routine cleaning and disinfecting procedures; no special measures are necessary. As such, our process in disinfecting our school is to have our trained custodial staff rotate through disinfecting our classrooms and common areas and use a hospital grade disinfectant.

As for what you can do, the IDPH also recommends the best way to protect against coronavirus is by taking the same everyday precautions against getting sick in general. These include:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Administration is monitoring recommendations regarding coronavirus and will update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community healthy.

Yours in education,

Cathie Pezanoski
Superintendent