

Sullivan West Central School District

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Dear Bulldog Families:

The health, safety and well-being of all of our students, staff and visitors will always be our School District's highest priority. With that in mind, I want to make you aware that we continue to closely follow the reports regarding the "Coronavirus" (COVID-19), and we are in regular communication with the Department of Public Health and Sullivan County BOCES, as well as the other school districts in our County, to ensure that we have up-to-date and accurate information.

Our District has infectious disease protocols in place and has been taking steps, such as cleaning and disinfecting throughout our schools, to minimize the spread of viruses and a variety of other illnesses.

There are a number of steps that students, staff and community members can take to minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, according to the State Department of Health:

- 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.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Stay home when you 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.
- Families are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
 - Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>

We also understand that circumstances such as this can cause anxiety among our students. Our outstanding faculty and staff are prepared to address student questions and concerns during this time.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and schools. If you should have any questions regarding this communication, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Walker
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