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Greetings,

Over the weekend, I took part in a conference call with the Department of Education (RIDE) and the Department of Health (RIDOH) updating school officials on the latest status of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in the state.

The Department of Public Health has provided precautionary information about the Coronavirus that is attached to this document. Following these recommendations, the Bristol Warren Regional School District has already initiated precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all of our students and staff:

- By the end of the day, today, all ‘high traffic’ areas in each school will be treated with a disinfecting solution containing hydrogen peroxide (This solution has been proven to kill 99.9% of germs and bacteria). These applications will continue in each school on a rotating basis, with each school being treated every other day.
  - ‘High traffic’ areas include stair railings, door knobs, handles, lunch tables, sinks, keyboards, other shared technology, etc.
- Information about the importance of hand-washing will be provided to all students within the district, whether through mini-lessons at our younger grades or updates provided for our older students utilizing our on-line capabilities.
- Each district classroom is equipped with hand sanitizer that contains the recommended amount of alcohol (60%) for killing viruses and other germs/bacteria. These dispensers will be checked daily to ensure that they are kept full.

Lastly, please review the information provided in regards to keeping you and your family safe during this time (https://health.ri.gov/publications/posters/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf). If you haven’t already done so, the RIDOH is also recommending that everyone get a flu shot. If you or any of your family is experiencing flu-like symptoms, please keep your children home and seek medical advice.

If you have any questions or concerns moving forward, please contact your building principal.

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