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## COVID-19 Update, March 10, 2020

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**Hello, Raider families. I wanted to send an update to you, following a meeting on Monday of Iowa County health care and organization leaders regarding the COVID-19 virus. (Thanks to our partners at Compass Memorial in Marengo for hosting that meeting, by the way.) Again, I'll share a few take-aways from that meeting, as well as information that has been made available to us in the past 24 hours.**

- **Please continue to practice general precautions that are appropriate for any illness:**
  - **If you are sick, please stay home.**
  - **Hand-washing is a crucial practice and something we can all do to help deter the spread of the virus and becoming ill.**
  - **If you cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth and nose with your elbow. Avoid touching your face with your hands.**
  - **And avoid close contact with people who are ill.**
- **For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19, please refer to the Iowa Department of Public Health website: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>. They update this website regularly, and can provide you (and us) with the best guidance. They also have used Facebook to share valuable information, as well.**
- **As you may have heard, Johnson County is reporting residents who have now tested positive for COVID-19. As communities in close proximity to Johnson county, and with many of our own residents working, shopping, and traveling in Johnson county, we naturally have the potential for exposure to COVID-19. Remember, exposure means different things for different people. Age, general overall health, and the length and depth of exposure all influence how individuals respond to exposure. If you become ill, or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, we encourage you to contact your health care provider for more direction. And health care providers are asking this of all of us: PLEASE CALL AHEAD. Rather than simply "showing up" at your provider's office, they'd like you to give them a call so that they can assess the situation and give you some direction before you arrive at their office or clinic.**
- **At school, we'll remind students and staff of these general precautions as well, and reiterate their importance.**
- **The situation is fairly fluid. As we learn more about the virus and how and where it has spread, we'll adjust our response. Know that Iowa county organizations, including schools, work closely with the experts at the Iowa Department of Public Health to determine what the best course of action is.**

**Again, if you think you may be sick, please stay at home. We'll do our best to manage and accommodate extended absences due to illness for staff and students, and we'll work to minimize the disruption to teaching and learning. That may be a little tricky, but we'll work on figuring that out as best as we can: keep kids and staff safe and keep kids and staff teaching and learning. We'll be in touch to share more more information as we're able. Thanks, very much.**

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