

Greetings,

As we all have heard across the national and local news, schools and organizations across the area are making preparations for the possible spread of the coronavirus into Pennsylvania. VFES Leadership believes early preparation and enhanced awareness is the practical and sensible approach to this virus potentially affecting our community. I want to share what we have done and will continue to do as we monitor the path of the virus and what national organizations like the CDC are recommending:

1. A Monitoring Team has been established here at VFES to monitor all information related to this virus. This team will meet every Friday morning to review national and local news, updated information from the CDC and local government agencies, as well as review current staffing and student/adult health issues.
2. Extra cleaning supplies are available to all staff. Simply submit a School Dude request if you need additional supplies. We already have in stock Clorox wipes and hand sanitizing wipes. We do not typically keep Lysol Disinfectant Spray, however, if you would like a can you may order it through School Dude. All staff are asked to routinely wipe down one's desk/room phone and other 'high touch' areas like door knobs and desktops.
3. The Maintenance Department conducts a 'deep clean' every Friday. Our custodial staff do wipe down door handles and desktops, but it doesn't hurt for us to also do this. We will monitor the need to increase the frequency.
4. I submitted a request to Chester County's Dept. of Health on Friday afternoon and invited a representative to visit with the Monitoring Team to ensure VFES is taking all proper precautions to be prepared for a possible onset of coronavirus cases in our geographic region.
5. All important information will be communicated to you as soon as the Monitoring Team is made aware of it.

Advisories from the CDC reinforce the importance of simple tasks like handwashing, covering your mouth if you cough or sneeze, not sharing household items like drinking from the same glass, eating utensils, or towels.

Thank you,

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