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Dear Parents/Guardians of St. Gabriel School,

Please be aware of the steps we are taking to better prepare St. Gabriel School students, faculty and staff for the potential community transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

At this time, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Ohio. However, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that schools actively plan and be prepared for possible scenarios.

As with any illness, please notify St. Gabriel School if your child is unable to attend school due to illness. In addition to our fever-free student policy, faculty and staff have been directed to remain home at least until they are fever-free without medication for 24 hours, longer if symptoms have not subsided.

Anyone who exhibits symptoms should seek immediate medical attention. Click the button below for the Ohio Department of Health's Coronavirus Disease 2019 Frequently Asked Questions. In accordance with CDC guidelines, if a student, faculty or staff member travels to an area identified as a "community spread of coronavirus," they may not return to school until it is safe to do so as determined by CDC guidelines. These guidelines continue to evolve and can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

While this is a serious public health situation, the CDC continues to believe the immediate risk to the general public remains low at this time. Yet, in today's connected world, outbreaks of diseases are always of concern.

Soap and hand towel supplies are checked frequently by the Maintenance staff. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are available in all classrooms, offices and community areas. Additionally, health promotion materials are posted throughout St. Gabriel School.

Please remember:

- Practice good hygiene.
- Hand washing is the best preventative for the spread of germs. Students and staff should be washing hands frequently, especially before and after meal and including snack time.
- Avoid touching your face, cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing and practice good overall health habits, including sleeping, eating and drinking water appropriately.
- Avoid sharing drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, dishes, towels or other items. Wash these items thoroughly with soap and water after use.
- Remain at home when ill. Seek medical attention if your symptoms don't improve.
- The CDC also recommends making sure you've received this season's flu vaccine; it won't prevent coronavirus, but it will reduce the risk of contracting regular influenza, which means fewer people will need medical care at the same time as any coronavirus patients.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.