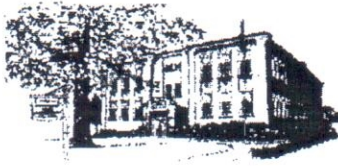


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Dear Stratford Colleague, Parent or Guardian:

Stratford Public Schools has been working closely with the Stratford Health Department regarding the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The Stratford Health Department has been closely monitoring the global and national situation and participates in weekly calls with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and CT Department of Public Health. Together we are committed to safeguarding the health and safety of the Stratford community.

While the threat of COVID-19 to the US and CT remains low, the situation can change. We, along with our Town partners, have been planning and preparing for the possibility of community-wide transmission of COVID-19.

Just like with the threat of influenza, the Stratford Health Department recommends the following strategies to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses:

- Keep children who are sick at home. Don't send them to school. Consult your doctor.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Set an example and teach your children the proper way to wash—sing Happy Birthday twice!
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve (not hands) when coughing or sneezing. If a tissue is used, throw it in the trash.
- Stay informed about travel alerts issued by the CDC—this is important if you are planning any travel for April vacation.

Stratford Public Schools and the Stratford Health Department will take every step to assure the health and safety of our students and staff to maintain the continuous education of our students. We will keep our community apprised should anything change through our Stratford Public Schools School Messenger, local media, etc.

For more information about COVID-19, visit:

- Stratford Health Department www.townofstratford.com/health (follow them on Twitter, FaceBook, and/or Instagram for local updates)
- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- DPH <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/Main-Page/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>

Sincerely,

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