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Quick Facts on COVID-19:

- No current reported cases in the state of Michigan.
- Port Huron Schools is proactively taking cautionary measures.
- Port Huron Schools works in partnership with the direction of national, state and local healthcare organizations and experts.
- Please see below for precautionary measures that are being recommended by healthcare officials.

Special Edition—Coronavirus and COVID-19

At Port Huron Schools, our primary concern is for the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. Our district has been closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19. We are in constant communication and following the guidance of the St. Clair County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). At publication time, there are no confirmed or suspected cases in St. Clair County or Michigan. As always, our schools work closely with public health officials and follow their expert recommendations to best ensure the safety of our school community.

Our schools are intensifying disinfecting practices throughout our facilities and buses. We will follow directions provided by public health organizations to prevent and limit the spread of the virus. As Port Huron Schools adjusts our practices, our custodians will be increasing the sanitizing of objects and surfaces most frequently touched (desk tops, door knobs, etc.). It is important to note that some of our sanitizing products are wiped on wet and left to dry to have the best results. This technique leaves a streaky/cloudy appearance. Please do not be alarmed if surfaces do not appear “shiny.”

According to public health officials, the way Coronavirus is spread is very similar to the flu and common colds. For this reason, we are encouraging our students and staff to actively wash their hands and take all of the same precautions they would normally take to avoid these illnesses.

The following precautionary measures are recommended. Please have a conversation about these with your student(s):

- Remain at home if you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based

hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are unavailable.

- Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve. Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.
- Routinely clean frequently-touched surfaces.

Please rely on updates posted to the [MDHHS COVID-19](#) website (Michigan Department of Health & Human Services) or the [CDC website](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) for the most accurate and timely information on the virus. In regard to children specifically, please see the [CDC's Frequently Asked Questions and Answers: Coronavirus Disease-2019 \(COVID-19\) and Children](#) and this [MDHHS Fact Sheet](#).

We will continue to watch the developments surrounding COVID-19 closely, and will take the appropriate steps necessary to protect the health of our students, staff, and school community. We appreciate your support in prioritizing the health and safety of everyone at Port Huron Schools.

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