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To Chambersburg Area School District Students, Parents, Families and Staff:

We understand the spread of the *novel coronavirus* that originated in Wuhan, China may be prompting questions and concerns in our schools. To date there have been no confirmed cases in Pennsylvania. District administration is monitoring updates provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health says there is currently no need for the general public to take special precautions or alter regular activities due to the *novel coronavirus*. They do point out that we are currently at the height of the flu season and encourage everyone to practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of the flu and other infectious diseases:

- Get a flu vaccination every year (it is not too late to get vaccinated)
 - Avoid close contact with sick people
 - Frequent hand-washing with soap
 - Stay at home if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
 - Students and staff should stay home until fever free for 24 hours
 - Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional
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- NOTE ~ masks are currently not recommended at this time

Other helpful fact sheets about the *novel coronavirus* are available at the links below

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.htm>

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus%20Education.aspx>