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Dear RSU 23 Community Members,

Please be assured that we are aware of the potential spread of Coronavirus here in the United States. We are monitoring the situation with the assistance of the Maine Department of Education and the Maine CDC, and with their guidance, we will follow all necessary emergency protocols as needed.

Please note that at this time Maine has no confirmed cases associated with the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Messages from the CDC:

Students or staff who recently traveled outside the US and have respiratory symptoms or fever should inform their healthcare provider about their travel history. Health care providers should notify Maine CDC at 1-800-821-5821 and screen for routine respiratory illnesses such as influenza and RSV.

Please see the attached CDC Fact Sheet on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus. It explains signs and symptoms to be aware of and also methods for prevention.

The US Centers for Disease Control and prevention maintain that the immediate risk of contracting this novel virus remains low in the United States. The greater risk for Maine at this time is seasonal influenza and it is not too late to get the flu shot.

The best preventive measure for all infectious diseases include:

1. Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds.
2. Covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
3. Staying home when you feel sick.
4. Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.

Rest assured, our RSU23 custodial staff has been taking extra steps sanitizing frequently touched surfaces and areas of high use by students and staff including desktops, bathrooms, doorknobs, etc.

We take our health and safety of our students, staff, and community seriously. For more information please refer to the following website.


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