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Dear Lansingburgh Staff, Students and Caregivers,

You may have heard yesterday's update from Governor Cuomo about novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the latest guidance for New York State P-12 schools. As per Governor Cuomo, any school with a student, teacher or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will close for at least 24 hours. During that time, the local health department will assess the school and situation to determine whether the school needs to be closed longer.

At this time, *we still have no confirmed cases* in any Lansingburgh schools or the surrounding community. However, in keeping with Governor Cuomo's directive, we will close our schools for at least 24 hours if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19. All situations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis under careful guidance from the Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, the State Education Department and Questar III BOCES Health & Safety Office. We are carefully monitoring this situation and will share more information as it becomes available to us.

Our schools are continuing their preventative measures, including regularly disinfecting surfaces and frequently reminding students and staff to wash their hands often. We encourage all Lansingburgh families to continue following the health and safety measures we shared in our last update.

- Wash your hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap *and* water
- Use at least 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with those you know are sick
- Stay home if you or your child feels sick (refer to our ["When Students Should Stay Home from School" online guide](#)).
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or your sleeve (*not your hands*) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, immediately throw it away.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you're looking for more information about COVID-19, we continue recommending official sources such as the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) or the NYS Dept. of Health (www.health.ny.gov/ or call 1-888-364-3065 for their novel coronavirus hotline).

Thank you again for helping us keep our students, staff and community safe.

Sincerely,

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