

Randolph Central School District

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Dear Randolph Central School Community:

I am sure you are aware that the Coronavirus continues to dominate national and local news as of late and I am sure it has been a topic of conversation at many of the dinner tables in our community.

The Randolph Central School District is committed to the health and well-being of all students, staff, and greater community. As you may be aware, in addition to annual influenza cases, a novel Coronavirus (aka COVID-19) has been spreading in many countries over the last couple of months. This has resulted in a number of new cases in our state. This number is expected to grow significantly with increased identification measures being put in place.

While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our region, we have been in regular touch with local health officials, the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH) and the New York State Department of Education (NYSED) and will continue to assess how we can prepare for and respond to potential cases. We have plans in place that were developed with and include regular communication with the above mentioned agencies should the need arise.

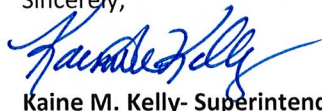
Stopping the spread of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy. We increased our sanitizing efforts months ago in response to the flu and will continue these practices in an effort to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on our district. More information on COVID-19 is available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

We want to remind you that with any virus, prevention is the key. The following everyday actions, all of which are currently being promoted in the Randolph Central School District, help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Currently, the risk to the general public remains low, so there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public at this time. However, additional recommendations from local or state governments, NYSED or DOH could come at any point and we are seeing large gatherings and some student trips being cancelled or restricted by the State. We will continue to communicate those as they become available.

Sincerely,



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