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Dear Patrons of Grand Coulee Dam School District:

Please read the following statement dealing with the outbreak of the coronavirus.

Grand Coulee Dam School District is being proactive and following the recommendations and guidelines of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in preparation for potential local cases of Novel Coronavirus.

Our School District is working with the Grant County Health District to monitor this rapidly changing situation. At this time, no cases of disease or infection with novel coronavirus have been detected in our community. The risk of infection in the United States is considered low.

“Our Health Services team maintains a close working relationship with the professionals at Grant County Health, Coulee Medical Center and the Washington State Department of Health. We will work closely in collaboration with all public health officials in our region to provide guidance, promote awareness and respond appropriately in the event this infection is confirmed in our community.”

The School District leadership has reviewed all policies and plans relevant to disease outbreak in our schools to ensure all necessary resources and procedures are in place to address any potential coronavirus impact in this area.

The District's Communicable and Infectious Disease Policy and Procedures (see below) are current and up-to-date. These outline the District-wide plan for disease outbreak.

Please follow the Illness Guidelines found in our Communicable and Infectious Disease Policy and Procedures. Practice good hand hygiene, cover your coughs and sneezes, avoid sick people, and stay home when you are sick.

It's not too late to protect yourself from other respiratory diseases by getting your influenza vaccine. And make sure you are up to date on vaccination against pertussis (whooping cough).

Policy 3413 – Student Immunization & Life-Threatening Health:

<https://www.gcdsd.org/cms/lib/WA01919407/Centricity/Domain/80/3413%20NEW.pdf>

Procedure 3413P:

<https://www.gcdsd.org/cms/lib/WA01919407/Centricity/Domain/80/Procedure%203413P%20-%20Student%20Immunization%20And%20Life%20Threatening%20Health%20Conditions%20NEW.pdf>

Policy 3414 – Infectious Diseases:

<https://www.gcdsd.org/cms/lib/WA01919407/Centricity/Domain/80/3414%20NEW.pdf>

Procedure 3414P:

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Please follow our website [www.gcdsd.org](http://www.gcdsd.org) for any future updates as we work through this outbreak.

Sincerely,

B Paul Turner

Superintendent