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To the Monmouth County Vocational School District Community,

The well being and health of our students and staff are always a top priority for the Monmouth County School District community. As you may know, recent information released by the Centers for Disease Control states more cases of coronavirus disease 2019, now abbreviated COVID-19, “are likely to be identified in the coming days, including more cases in the United States.” We would like to share the current status of MCVSD, as well as the next steps the district is taking to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

While there are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 in Monmouth County, we have policies in place to guide the district through these types of circumstances. Our district crisis team has met and will continue to meet on a routine basis to address this issue and plan accordingly. The MCVSD is working closely with the Monmouth County Health Department and will comply with their recommendations as instructed.

As for next steps, we are ready to receive and implement guidance from the CDC, World Health Organization, as well as state and local health departments. We will also comply with the guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Education, should it advise that we need to modify the delivery of our instructional programming. We will continue to be in contact with local and state health departments, and once we have further guidance, we will send it out through the district website.

As best practice for overall health in cold and influenza season, the CDC recommends that individuals receive the influenza vaccination and engage in everyday preventive measure to prevent the spread of germs and avoid illness, such as:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people when you are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. If you use a tissue, throw it in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- CDC recommends that travelers avoid all travel to China.

Additional Resources: (Please check our district website for updates)
CDC’s dedicated 2019nCoV website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>.
[WHO Coronavirus Information](#)

Thank you for your cooperation,

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