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To the Richfield Springs School Community:

On Tuesday in Albany, I received this presentation in regards to the COVID-19 Coronavirus from the Office of Public Health.

Key Coronavirus information:

- The situation is constantly changing with new information coming from various sources including the Department of Health, Center of Disease Control and the World Health Organization.

- The symptoms and spread of the virus are the same as colds other flu strains and the same prevention measures should be followed.
  - Wash hands thoroughly and often
  - Disinfecting and cleaning surfaces often
  - Cover your mouth when sneezing and coughing
  - Not touching eyes, nose or mouth
  - Staying home if not feeling well
  - Avoid contact with sick people
  - Stay away from crowds

Here at Richfield Springs, we are taking extra measures, as we are already dealing with a great deal of illness and a large number of absences at the school.

- Disinfecting high frequency touch points repeatedly throughout the day, as well as after school.
- Repeatedly stressing proper hygiene to the entire school community.
- Additional disinfecting of the entire building and buses.

Additional information can be found by visiting the NYSDOH, CDC, NYSED and Otsego DOH websites. If you have questions the NYSDOH Novel Coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

Thank you,
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