

## Crown Point Central School

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Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and the Community,

Maintaining health, safety and educational growth in our district is our top priority. We are continually monitoring the most up to date information about the pandemic that is sweeping the nation. With that said, **there are no confirmed cases of nCoV/COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in our school district or the county at this time.** Crown Point will utilize proactive and protective measures provided by the State and local County DOH (Departments of Health) as well as NYSED (New York State Department of Education) for the safety of our students and school community. Out of an abundance of caution, the Crown Point Central School is postponing field trips, assemblies into the building and large group gatherings until further notice.

Although we do not have a concise timeline for the virus, we know there are precautions we can take to assist in limiting contact.

**The New York State Department of Health (DOH) recommends the following ways to minimize the spread of all respiratory viruses, including 2019-nCoV:**

- Wash your 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 who 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 to avoid travelers who have been overseas to various countries.

Crown Point Central School will continue to take precautionary measures to protect our school community and to reduce the potential burden on our local health care system. If there becomes an apparent risk to the students we will take the mandatory guidance provided from the NYS Department of Health and close the district for at least 24 hours.

The unknowns surrounding this virus are concerning, but now and in the immediate future, we will concentrate on teaching and learning. And Crown Point Central School will continue to make difficult decisions to protect our educational environment, student body, staff and community.

Yours in Education,

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