



## TEKAMAH-HERMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

*Preparing to contribute to a changing world.*

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The emergence of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in China and its spread to other parts of the world has generated a great deal of news and questions over the last few weeks.

At Tekamah-Herman Schools, we want to assure families that we are taking all the essential precautions and we have protocols in place to respond to any outbreak of communicable diseases within our school.

We have been working closely with the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department as they monitor the situation and we will follow their instructions.

THS has an Emergency Medical Review Panel that monitors and works diligently to make sure we are prepared. The Emergency Medical Review Panel includes the Superintendent, the school nurse, two teachers, a school board member, and a local health care provider. This group monitors illness in the community and within the school, helping us guide our coordinated response.

We will follow our protocols and continue to communicate with families by email and phone using our alert system, our school website, and our social media accounts, should there be any changes or concerns.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you it is still cold and flu season and we encourage everyone to continue to practice good hygiene and virus prevention practices. This includes:

- Maintain good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze using a tissue or your elbow.
- Stay home or keep your child home if there is a fever. Your child must be fever free without the aid of medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- Get your flu shot when possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your health care provider or the Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department. You can also visit the Centers for Disease Control website for more information about COVID-19.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep all of our students healthy. We will continue to keep you updated with any additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

Dan Gross  
Superintendent