

January 31, 2020

Dear school community,

An outbreak of a new virus called the novel coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV, that began in Wuhan City, China, has created concern and questions recently. MESD is working closely with Multnomah County Health Department to assess any risk for local schools.

At this time, we believe the risk to the general Multnomah County population is low. The Health Department is monitoring the situation closely and has created a general information sheet about this virus. It is included with this letter.

This is a new virus, and health recommendations may change as public health experts learn more about the disease. At this time, people who have recently visited China do not need to stay at home unless they are sick. People who have visited an area with confirmed cases of the virus should watch for a fever, cough, and trouble breathing for 14 days after return. If they get sick, they should stay home and call their health care provider.

At this time there is no vaccine to prevent the new coronavirus. But this is a good reminder to everyone that it is still flu season. We want to remind people to make sure they have their flu shot, and to stay home if they are sick.

If you have questions about this new coronavirus that aren't answered by the attached FAQ, please visit the Multnomah County Health Dept website at multco.us/health-officer/novel-coronavirus-2019. You can also call Communicable Disease Services during normal business hours at 503-988-3406, or call your school nurse.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Vines, Health Officer
Multnomah County Health Department

If you need help understanding this information, please call your child's school.

(English)

如果需要在他人帮助下了解此信息，请致电您子女的所属学校。

(Chinese)

Если вам нужна помощь в понимании этой информации, пожалуйста, позвоните в школу Вашего ребенка.

(Russian)

Haddaad u baahan tahay in laga caawiyo fahanka macluumaadkaan, fadlan wac dugsiga cunugaaga.

(Somali)

Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, llame a la escuela de su hijo(a).

(Spanish)

Nếu quý vị cần hỗ trợ để hiểu thông tin này, vui lòng gọi điện cho trường của con quý vị.

(Vietnamese)