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Dear Parents:

Our lead school nurse is closely in contact with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). DHEC is the state agency charged with tracking and advising local school districts with best practices in responding to infectious diseases. Our school nurses have been trained and versed in the symptoms of various infectious diseases to include the Corona Virus. Part of our procedures require reporting suspicious cases of suspected infectious diseases to DHEC who will then track and make decisions about the medical protocol for the patient.

DHEC will evaluate each possible case and return recommendations to our school nurse about the health and safety of our schools. DHEC would provide us with a protocol of who and when a school community should be notified of a confirmed illness. If we have a confirmed illness due to an infectious disease, DHEC will advise what precautions should be taken. Parents of students at risk will be notified by the district with specific details.

Upon recommendation of DHEC our school district would make decisions about class schedule changes to include cancellation of classes to prevent a spread of an illness. The district will disseminate information to parents about prevention strategies for infectious diseases identified by DHEC. The school district will work with our contracted cleaning service to keep our schools as sanitary as possible to assist in the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases.

We continue to monitor the world of events of the Corona Virus and will keep parents updated with information as it comes available.

Thank you,

Lancaster County School District