

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE - March 10, 2020**

Delphos City Schools is working closely with the Allen and Van Wert County Health Departments as we monitor the growing concern of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). We are working diligently to create a plan in the event of a confirmed case at DCS. For daily updates, please visit one of the following websites

[Center for Disease Control](#)

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Allen County Health Department](#)

[Van Wert County Health Department](#)

We would like to remind everyone of the CDC's recommendations for preventing illness:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a face mask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a face mask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Face masks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of face masks is also crucial for [health workers](#) and [people who are taking care of someone in close settings](#) (at home or in a healthcare facility).
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

*We thank you for your patience and support as we continue to monitor the situation. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.*

**Mr. Douglas Westrick**

**Superintendent**