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Dear New Paltz Parents and Guardians,

Concerns about COVID-2019 – the Coronavirus – are deepening. Today, the District participated in a webinar conducted by the [New York State Department of Health](#). In the coming weeks, I anticipate a continued need to remain connected with state and federal authorities and act upon their emerging guidelines.

For the moment, those guidelines are identical to the basic – but still important --- prevention practices associated with the flu and related respiratory infections:

- Frequent washing of hands
- Sneezing/coughing into the closed elbow
- Staying home when ill
- Seeing a doctor when fever accompanies the illness
- Not sharing personal products or food/beverage items
- Frequent disinfecting/cleaning of doorknobs, telephones, kitchen and bathroom areas.

We will be intensifying our customary school cleaning and disinfecting routines.

Like you, we are closely monitoring the spread of the disease and will do what is recommended to best safeguard the health and welfare of our school community.

Sincerely,

*Bernard Josefsberg*