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Dear Southern Boone Students, Parents, Families, Faculty and Staff:

This correspondence is to update Southern Boone students, parents, family, faculty and staff on the District's current status following the announcement of the COVID-19 and the actions that institutions are taking. The District has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation across the world and country for weeks and we will continue to do so in coordination and guidance with the Boone County Health Department to provide the most appropriate response to medical situations.

This has been, and continues to be, a particularly challenging school year for students and families experiencing Influenza A and B. The Southern Boone School District has been, and continues to, make concerted efforts to stop the spread of Influenza. These efforts are also effective of slowing and stopping the spread of germs in general. The current time honored precautions for illness such as the common cold and Influenza recommended include:

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds at a time with soap and water.
 - AND...always wash their hands
 - after coughing or sneezing
 - after blowing their nose
 - before eating
 - after using the restroom
 - when they are visibly dirty
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth/nose with tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Always put soiled Kleenex in the trash.
- Stay home if you are ill

The school nurses, building principals and I will communicate with you if and when additional precautions are necessary. As a District, the administration is continually looking for ways to insure the safety of our students, their families and our employees. Out of an abundance of caution, the administration and I are reviewing the number of public events and we will cancel or

reschedule events in light of recent events taken by larger institutions such as University of Missouri and national organizations.

We will continue to update Southern Boone students, families, faculty and staff as the situation warrants. I appreciate the effort school employees have taken to attend to these matters. We have an amazing team that is focused on meeting the needs of all our students.

There are several resources that are updated with current information. I have reviewed the information contained in these links on numerous occasions over the past few weeks.

- Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: <https://dese.mo.gov/covid19>
- Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services: <https://www.como.gov/health/>
- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: <https://health.mo.gov/>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

If you have specific questions, please call the appropriate building office. Thank you for your support of our incredible school district and community.

Respectfully,
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