



KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Many parents and school officials are concerned about the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus in Asia and the potential impact on local communities. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is closely monitoring the outbreak and the growing number of cases found in the United States.

The State of New Jersey's Department of Health explains the 2019-nCoV as a respiratory infection caused by a novel (new) virus that arose from the area of Wuhan, China in December 2019. Most of the early cases of this illness were linked to a large seafood and animal market suggesting possible animal-to-person spread of the virus. The market closed on January 2, 2020 as part of the investigation and response to this outbreak. Once a person is infected, the virus causes respiratory illness. Outbreaks of novel virus infections among people are always of public health concern. The risk from these outbreaks depends on the characteristics of the virus, including how well it spreads between people, the severity of the resulting illness, and the medical or other measures available to control the impact of the virus (for example, medications or vaccines).

The Gloucester County Department of Health, and the Public Health Nurse, has prepared the information (linked below) in an effort to inform our school community. Please be advised that the New Jersey State Department of Health has created a public access line, 1-800-222-1222, where trained healthcare professionals are standing by to answer questions about coronavirus.

- [Novel Coronavirus 2019 \(2019-nCoV\) Information for K-12 Schools](#)
- [CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)

Thank you for your attention to announcement.

Very truly yours,

Dr. James J. Lavender
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