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Dear families,

I am writing to share an update on the <u>novel coronavirus provided from public health at York Region</u>. We know that many families continue to feel some anxiety about the virus.

Public health continues to assure us that the risk of acquiring the virus in York Region and Ontario remains low, however we encourage you to review the attached information from public health. This includes updated information requesting any individuals returning specifically from Hubei province in China to stay at home for 14 total calendar days. Schools will not conduct screening of students' travel histories. Please be assured that we will continue to follow all advice of public health.

Families are encouraged to continue reinforcing the important preventive measures during cold and influenza season, including:

- Staying home if you are ill.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, elbow or sleeve.
- Visit your doctor or pharmacy for your annual flu shot, if you haven't already done so.

We remain in close contact with public health authorities and will continue to share information with families as requested by public health. You can find more information at <u>www.york.ca/coronavirus</u> or <u>www.ontario.ca/coronavirus</u>.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko Director of Education