

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Greetings Baltimore City School District students, parents, and families,

I understand that many of our families have questions and concerns about COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus. As a parent, I know that at times we can be overwhelmed with worry for our children during potential health crises. While there are no confirmed cases in Maryland, I want you to know that Baltimore City Public Schools takes the health of its staff and students seriously.

We have been in close contact with Baltimore City Health Department and are following the guidelines they have provided.

The best thing you can do right now is to take common precautions such as:

- Washing hands thoroughly with soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Staying home if you feel ill
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Practice good health habits
- Stay home or keep your child home when sick

If you have concerns about your own or your children's health, please contact a medical professional. The Baltimore City Health Department is one of the best local resources on coronavirus and other infectious diseases. If you would like more information, I encourage you to visit its website:

<https://health.baltimorecity.gov>

City Schools will continue to keep you updated and will promptly communicate with you if any additional precautions become necessary.

Sincerely,



Sonja Brookins Santelises
CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools