



March 6, 2020

Dear Black River Families:

We are reaching out to inform you that we are paying very close attention to the information and news regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We are also working to take all necessary precautions to prepare and keep our Black River community safe.

Going forward, Black River Public School will continue to work closely with and follow the guidance from the Ottawa County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We want to remind our school community that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are the same as preventing the cold and flu, and include:

- Frequently washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Staying home when sick and not returning until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend the use of facemasks for the general public.*

The practices identified above are also being revisited with all Black River students. Our teachers will review these strategies at school, and we encourage you as parents/guardians to review these strategies with your child as well. Other precautions, like thorough cleaning and disinfecting are also taking place here at school with our custodial staff. This is another proactive measure being taken by the school that we would encourage you to employ at your own homes.

We encourage parents/guardians to seek medical attention from a healthcare professional should your child have a fever, cough and/or shortness of breath.

For the most up to date information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Brunink".

Shannon Brunink  
Head of School