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Dear Barker School Community,

While the Barker Central School District does not have a confirmed case of COVID-19, caused by the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) in our schools, we are aware of concerns in the community about the spread of this relatively new virus.

Rest assured that we have been and will continue to monitor this continually evolving situation and follow guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Niagara County Department of Health, and the New York State Department of Education.

It is also important to note that the district has infectious disease protocols in place and will continue to follow these protocols to minimize the spread of viruses and a variety of other illnesses. However, it is just as important that students, staff, and community members take precautions to help minimize the spread of all respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. As such, the same steps recommended for staying healthy during the annual cold and flu season should also be followed at this time. According to the CDC and the NYSDOH individuals should:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Heavily soiled hands should be washed.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash (try to not cough into your hands)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

While we will update families as appropriate moving forward, we also encourage you to keep up to date with this rapidly changing situation yourself. You can contact your local department of health, the NYSDOH Novel Coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065, or by visiting the following websites:

Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/nCoV>

NYS Department of Health

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

The safety, health, and well-being of our students, staff, and school community is our top priority and we will continue working together to help prevent the spread of illnesses.

Sincerely,



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