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The ESC is in continued close communication with local public health agencies and will continue to follow their guidance and recommendations regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. At this time, we also are closely following Governor DeWine and the guidance released from his office and the Ohio Department of Health regarding meetings and external visitors.

Our leadership team, center directors, State Support Team, and OCALI have met, and will continue meeting regularly, to prepare and plan for potential offsite work plans and/or extended closure. We are working to make these plans as smooth as possible and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these complex issues. Please be diligent in checking your email to ensure you are up-to-date on the latest news.

We want to remind our staff that the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Source: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

The safety, health, and well-being of our staff, students and school community will, as always, continue to be our priority. We will continue monitoring the development of COVID-19 and plan accordingly in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials.

Thank you.