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The School District of Elmbrook is closely monitoring the recent outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which has now been detected in 37 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. We are working closely with our district nurses and facilities management department to ensure that all current guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are being followed to prevent spread of this and other communicable diseases in our school community.

We are asking for parents to aid us in monitoring the potential for an outbreak in our school community by:

- 1 Keeping your child home until they are symptom free (fever, vomiting and diarrhea) for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- 2. When calling your child in ill, report your child's symptoms and whether or not your child's illness has been confirmed by a physician.
- 3. Talk to your children at home about basic infection control procedures such as: frequent handwashing (20 seconds with soap and water) or use of hand sanitizer, and covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your inner elbow.

Additional information and prevention guidelines from the CDC can be found here: COVID -19 Fact Sheet.