

# CAMDEN

## CENTRAL SCHOOLS

March 4, 2020

Dr. Ravo Root  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Parents and Families:

Camden Central Schools continue to work closely with and rely on the expertise of the Oneida County Health Department to monitor all health concerns, including those related to coronavirus. As of today, there are no confirmed cases locally and we continue with regular instructional and operational activities.

The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is a respiratory illness, spread person-to-person similar to influenza. Currently there is no specific treatment or vaccination to prevent COVID-19. Non-pharmaceutical interventions, like those to avoid other respiratory illnesses such as influenza, are the best method to avoid ongoing community spread.

The Health Department professionals have indicated that, at this time, the activities that the Camden Central School District is carrying out to address seasonal influenza are appropriate and satisfactory for the coronavirus. These activities include regular and ongoing cleaning and disinfecting of school facilities, surfaces, and objects. Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases in schools.

We are also encouraging staff and students to follow proper hand-washing techniques, cough or sneeze into a tissue or sleeve (not hands), stay home when ill, and take basic health precautions as they relate to any communicable illness. Personal hygiene is imperative for stopping the spread of germs and illness.

Below are some resources from the state and local health departments and the CDC for your reference. While the information often refers to pandemic flu, the content is equally appropriate for any community outbreaks of COVID-19. Further, since we are still in the middle of our annual cold and flu season, this information is just as timely to address those illnesses.

**Protecting Yourself from Respiratory Illness:** <http://https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**CDC Information Page:** [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**NYS Department of Health:** <https://www.health.ny.gov/>

**Oneida County Health Department:** <https://ocgov.net/health>

The New York State Department of Health has also set up a coronavirus hotline: 1-888-364-3065 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Our first priority is always the health and safety of our students and staff. Should new information become available from the health departments or CDC, we will pass that information on to you and respond accordingly.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ravo P. Root, Superintendent  
Camden Central Schools