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Dear South Gibson School Corporation Parents:

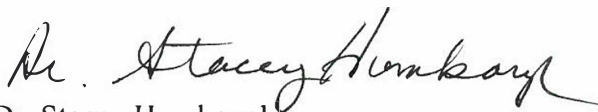
The South Gibson School Corporation remains wholly committed to providing the safest schools that we are capable of maintaining. Our global commitment to safe schools is a top priority and continually evolving to address all the challenges our schools might face. Over the past several weeks, SGSC has consulted the Center for Disease Control, the Indiana Department of Health, and other resources and agencies in an effort to develop precautions and plans should a Coronavirus outbreak occur here in Gibson County.

Please know that we will continue to monitor the Coronavirus information as it becomes available, and we will take our direction from the respective agencies who are recognized as experts in their field. There are two attachments to this letter that are designed to provide information and guidance on what course of action the South Gibson School Corporation will implement should the need arise. The attachments to this letter offer directions on how to best limit overall student exposure to any germs and methods and practices that will encourage our students and families to promote, practice, and develop healthy living habits.

Please read the attachments that come with this letter and encourage your student(s) to follow the professionally recommended guidelines that are presented. The highly publicized Coronavirus outbreak can and should be discussed with your children to provide them with assurances that every precaution will be taken to try to ensure everyone's health and safety. Preparation over panic is the message that we wish to share within our entire school community. We thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stacey Humbaugh
Superintendent of Schools

Handwashing: Keeping Your Family Healthy

Handwashing is an easy, cheap, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep kids and adults healthy. When your family is healthy, you don't have to worry about missing school, work, or other activities.

Help your child develop handwashing skills

Parents and caretakers play an important role in teaching children to wash their hands. Handwashing can become a lifelong healthy habit if you start teaching it at an early age. Teach kids the [five easy steps for handwashing](#) – wet, lather, scrub, rinse, and dry – and the key times to wash hands, such as after using the bathroom or before eating. You can find ways to make it fun, like making up your own handwashing song or turning it into a game.



Lead by example

Young children learn by imitating the behaviors of adults in their lives. When you make handwashing part of your routine, you're setting an example for your children to follow.



LIFE IS BETTER WITH

**CLEAN
HANDS**

Handwashing can prevent

1 in 3
cases of diarrhea



1 in 5
respiratory infections,
such as a cold or the flu



Give frequent reminders

Building handwashing skills takes time. At first, your child will need regular reminders of how and when to wash hands. It is especially important to remind children to wash their hands after using the bathroom, before eating, after touching pets, after playing outside, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing their nose. But once handwashing becomes a habit and a regular part of your child's day, they will practice it throughout their lives.

What if soap and water aren't available?

Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol.

Did you know?

Baby wipes may make your hands look clean, but they're not designed to remove germs from your hands. CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water when possible.

