

Dear Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Families & Staff,

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff are top priorities.

We are aware of the concerns of our community, as well as the recent statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19).

While there are no reports of the coronavirus in our schools and as of March 3, 2020, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 coronavirus in Ohio, it is important that we are all informed and take reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of any infectious diseases.

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools will continue to follow CDC recommendations to prevent any infection of a respiratory virus. Simple ways to protect yourself and your family include:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share food, drinks or eating/drinking utensils.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces..

Please [click here](#) to read information from the Ohio Department of Health regarding the COVID-19. We will continue to be in contact with our local and state departments of Health in order to follow their guidance and recommendations. More information on the coronavirus is also available on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

In addition, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School families should remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Please feel free to contact your child's building principal or nurse if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Cozad, PhD
Superintendent