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On Tuesday, I participated in a meeting with Johnson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. This meeting included officials from the Johnson County and Iowa Public Health, area hospitals, emergency services and more. Additional meetings will take place today through Friday, which I will attend representing Solon Schools. The coordination between State and Johnson County officials is impressive. We can be confident in Iowa's health care, public health and emergency systems and their ability to handle this situation.

We are in continuous communication with Iowa and Johnson County officials and will continue to follow the guidance, advice and directives from the Department of Public Health. In a recent communication with the Department of Health, they reiterated that if they deemed a concern in our area, they would be contacting us. They also stated that <u>at this point in time</u>, all of the positive cases have been linked to the same cruise so there has been no indication of community-spread illness.

The most recent news pertaining to the CORVID-19 virus is the closing of colleges and universities. This has initiated conversations in school districts about the possibility of closing attendance centers.

The **Solon CSD will <u>not</u> close school or cancel classes** <u>unless directed by the Department of Public Health or</u> office of the Governor.

We will continue to take very proactive measures recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of any virus and remind our students and staff of the following guidance.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects
- Wash hands often with soap and water
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based sanitizer (at lease 60% alcohol)

If your child is ill or displays symptoms of a fever, cough or shortness of breath, keep your child home and contact your health care provider if you feel it necessary. If you are concerned about attendance, please contact your child's school nurse or principal. We will understand in the current situation.

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