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Dear MPSD Families,

The Meridian Public School District is receiving updates from the CDC regarding the likelihood of the novel (new) coronavirus causing a pandemic in our area. To date, there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 in Meridian, Lauderdale County or in Mississippi.

All schools and buildings will continue to be cleaned on a daily basis, with other areas that are more highly used being cleaned multiple times daily with hospital-grade disinfectants. Please continue to practice general virus prevention measures including:

- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick.
- **Stay home when sick.** Stay at home if you have a fever and maintain distance from other people to prevent the spread of illness. Call your doctor and let them know of your symptoms and travel history.
- **Wash hands often** with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also helpful in reducing the spread of the flu.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes** with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Wash hands after blowing the nose or coughing into a tissue and dispose of tissues after use.
- **Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth** to prevent the spread of germs.

We urge all parents and students to monitor the CDC website for the most up-to-date information regarding this matter at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amy Carter'.

Dr. Amy Carter

Superintendent of Meridian Public Schools