

Dear Families,

As we are all aware, this is the time of year that we see increased incidences of illness in our community. The common cold, the flu, and new concerns about coronavirus are present.

The task of keeping our schools healthy is a team effort. We all have important roles to play.

As directed by the CDC and DPH, we are all educating our students (and ourselves) to frequently wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when sick.

Another crucial piece is how we care for our environment. The WPS Custodial/Maintenance Staff has the enormous task of the daily cleaning of each building, with newly added practices to address the cold/flu/virus season. Currently their practices include the following:

- *daily touch-point cleaning of all bathrooms, sinks, door handles, railings, etc.

- *daily removal of trash

- *twice weekly use of Victory Electrostatic Disinfectant Sprayers. These sprayers help us keep all surfaces disinfected for numerous germs, flu, colds, etc. This cleaning product is approved for hospital use because it is both effective and safe. The sprayers are used by the night shift to disinfect, and each school is equipped with its own sprayer.

In addition, School Nurses clean the touch-point surfaces of their offices after each visit from an ill student or staff member. And, Classroom Teachers continue to remind students to frequently wash their hands, cover their coughs, and students who feel ill are directed to the Nursing Office.

Again, this is a team effort. We all share in the work of keeping our schools a safe and healthy place for our community.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts and concern for our community. Together we can keep our schools healthy!

Sincerely,

School Nurses and Superintendent Amber Bock