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To: GCCS Families
From: Shannon Hillman
Re: School Response to the Coronavirus
Date: March 8, 2020

Dear Families,

As most, if not all, of you know, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has begun to spread throughout the United States and has reached New York State. Yesterday, Governor Cuomo declared a state of emergency with 13 new cases bringing the number up to 89 confirmed cases in New York. However, currently there are no confirmed cases for Monroe County or our surrounding counties. Like all educational institutions, our school is receiving daily updates on directives for how to manage and prevent further spread of this new virus.

Currently, Genesee Community Charter School is reviewing our safety and emergency plans to ensure we have taken the proper measures to prevent further spread of the virus. We will be closely monitoring our absentee records and will stay in close communication with our school nurse and the Monroe County Health Department for further information regarding next steps. Additionally, since we share a building with the RMSC Preschool and a campus with the Rochester Museum & Science Center, we will be in constant communication with their staff regarding any positive cases of the corona virus or additional preventative measures they are taking.

Our staff will continue to support disease prevention strategies by providing many opportunities for handwashing and sanitizing, frequently washing surfaces, toys, and manipulatives, and avoiding close contact when possible. We are also investigating additional cleaning and sanitizing measures through our school and the museum's cleaning service.

Here are some things your family can do to help us prevent the further spread of the disease:

- Know the symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- Continue promoting everyday disease prevention strategies:
 - If your child is sick, stay home from school
 - Avoid close contact with those who are already sick
 - Teach your child(ren) to cover his/her/their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or the crook of the arm
 - Wash hands often with soap and water
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth
 - Keep children at home if they are showing signs of a fever
 - Notify the school when your child is absent and provide any information about their symptoms or diagnosis
 - Consult <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for further guidance from the U.S. Department of Education.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. When we have new information to share, we will communicate via email, backpack mail, and on our website under "Latest News."