



QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Quincy Public Schools Staff, Students, and Families,

Over the last six weeks, Quincy Public Schools administrative staff have been collaborating with City of Quincy Health Commissioner Ruth Jones in monitoring the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) advisories from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Quincy Public Schools is continuing to follow the recommendations provided by these agencies to safeguard the health of the Quincy Public Schools and greater Quincy community families and staff. Please know that our administrators, teachers, nurses, and custodial staff members are all focused on assisting students and families to avoid transmission of any virus, modeling health and hygiene habits and regular cleaning practices at our schools.

With the increasing public focus on COVID-19, families, especially children, may be experiencing concern and anxiety. The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) have released helpful guidelines for supporting children, such as maintaining their normal routine, including attending school and extracurricular activities and limiting their exposure to the news on television and social media. *(See attached document)*

We will continue to provide you with updated information as it becomes available. For more information, see websites listed below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-984-8701, Health Services Coordinator Rita Bailey at 617-984-8899, or the Quincy Health Department Commissioner Ruth Jones at 617-376-1270.

Sincerely,

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For more information:

Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

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