



Tradition of Excellence
Sondra Combs, Superintendent

Dear Hazard Independent Families,

I am sure that most of you are monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) closely. While there have been no reported cases found in Eastern Kentucky, we wanted to share with our students, staff, parents and community members the steps that we are taking to maintain a clean and healthy environment within our schools. District leadership is working with local and state health department officials and following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to follow procedures to limit the spread of any illness.

Over the next several days, our principals and teachers will be talking with our students about the virus. We will continue to be proactive in the cleaning and sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces. We encourage our parents to speak with our students about these ways to minimize the spread of disease and illness listed below:

- Washing hands frequently with warm soapy water
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or by using your sleeve or elbow
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick and do not return to school for at least 24 hours of being fever-free WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen

As always, the safety of our staff and students is our top priority. We will continue to release information as needed to provide a safe environment for our staff and students. Thank you for your continued support of Hazard Independent Schools. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly at 606-436-3911 or at sondra.combs@hazard.kyschools.us.

Sincerely,
Sondra Combs, Superintendent