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COVID-19 Update

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A community guest who recently attended an evening volleyball game at a District 44 school was diagnosed as a case of coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19. Although this visit represents no identifiable risk to the District 93 school community, we continue to monitor the situation. The DuPage County Health Department has not made any recommendation for dismissal of any school district activities or operations at this time.

As we learn of more cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the region, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) is working closely with school and district officials to ensure a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors as well as to minimize disruption of learning, teaching, and other important school-based activities.

DCHD is advising parents to keep their student(s) home when they are sick with fever and respiratory illness; students and staff should be fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medicine) for at least 24 hours before returning to school and should seek medical attention as needed. DCHD is recommending students, staff, parents, and community members follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations to prevent any infection of a respiratory virus, including:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information about COVID-19 information, please visit the DuPage County Health Department's website at <u>https://www.dupagehealth.org/590/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19-Inform</u>.

Please help to keep our students, families, and communities safe by staying informed and encouraging everyone to practice good hygiene while at school, work, and at home.



