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Dear OCVTS Students and Families,

The Ocean County Vocational Technical School (OCVTS) is committed to providing our students and families with the most current information about the coronavirus as well as other health related updates. We continue to monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about cases of the coronavirus in the United States. The New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Education have listed the following guidelines for the prevention of the spread of the flu, coronavirus and other viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people that are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Immediately throw away the tissue and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu vaccine if you have not done so.
- Encourage a "do not share" rule: food, drink, lip balm, pencils etc.

OCVTS has increased daily cleaning and sanitizing of all of our schools, buses and high touch surfaces.

The Department of Education recommends that parents with a child who (within the past two weeks) has traveled to an area that has been impacted by the coronavirus to contact their child's principal and/or school nurse prior to returning to school.

If you have an upcoming travel plan, we encourage you to check the CDC website listed below for the latest travel guidelines prior to your trip as well as upon your return.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you for your cooperation in the matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Homiek, OCVTS Superintendent