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To our B-P Community,

The spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to dominate the news and is a top concern for our communities as Governor Baker declared Massachusetts to be in a state-of-emergency yesterday afternoon.

Given this concern, I wanted to make sure that you had the most up-to-date information about how we are handling this situation at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School to ensure the health and safety of students and staff regarding COVID-19.

Our staff is cleaning all of our buildings and classrooms using the Electrostatic Sanitizing System (kills 99.9% of bacteria, germs, and viruses). Our graphics department has produced laminated posters that remind staff and students to wash their hands, how to wash their hands properly, to cover the coughs and sneezes, and to stay home if a person exhibits flu-like symptoms. All of these measures are in compliance with what the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) recommends.

Our school nurses are monitoring what the MA Dept. of Public Health recommends on a daily basis. They are monitoring student attendance, office visit referrals, and health exam visits to determine if any of the visits pertain to non-typical respiratory-related issues.

Bloom Bus Company is using several resources on the B-P buses. Drivers are using sanitizers themselves and wiping down the inside of each school vehicle. Hand sanitizer is being distributed to each driver for students to use on each bus, and the bus company maintenance team is using electrostatic sanitizer guns when routes are completed.

This District has been in continuous communication with the MA Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as the Mayor of Taunton and all local health agencies. Additionally, we continue to monitor the CDC’s updates and recommendations https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html. We will continue to update our website at www.bptech.org as we receive new information to inform our B-P community.

All health-related questions regarding your child should be referred directly to the school nurse, and if you have concerns after school hours (7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.), you should contact your child’s primary care physician. The COVID-19 virus is an evolving situation that we are following closely and will continue to update you as information is shared with us.

Respectfully,

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