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Coronavirus Update 4

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To:

Greetings BSD Community,

As I shared with our school board last night, there are still no confirmed reported cases of coronavirus in Burlington or Burlington Schools. Here is an updated chart from the Vermont [Department of Health website](#):

Vermont cases of COVID-19	1
Vermonters tested negative for COVID-19	62
Vermonters being monitored	215
Vermonters who have completed monitoring	59

On Tuesday, the Agency of Education (AOE) released guidance regarding [guidelines for closing schools and canceling events](#). Through this guidance and follow up conversations with the Department of Health, we have confirmed that because there are currently no confirmed reported cases of coronavirus in our District, we are being directed to continue operations as usual but with additional cautions such as encouraging hand hygiene, monitoring absenteeism, communicating routinely, etc.

This means we are not being directed to cancel school or school events/gatherings which occur during or after hours. Going forward, any determinations to cancel school or gatherings must be made in consultation with the Agency of Education and the Vermont Health Department.

Public health has also reinforced that we are to continue our regular cleaning operations. Our property services team continues to follow the guidance and state regulations and only trained staff should be performing cleaning operations. We have confirmed that staff may use Clorox or Lysol cleaning wipes designed for home use in their own personal areas and for their own personal use; however, these wipes cannot be used to clean student spaces and the District may not provide these to staff. If a confirmed case enters our District, then we will be instructed to use different cleaning protocols.

Thank you for reading,

Superintendent Obeng

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