

## Coronavirus Notice #1 3-Mar-2020

While you have likely heard about the Coronavirus and its unfortunate impact in some countries and even here in the United States, there are not yet any confirmed cases reported in our state. However, as Governor John Bel Edwards has recently stated, the virus will eventually spread to Louisiana.

Of note, there have been many more cases of this year's version of the flu, yet the coronavirus is still a serious matter. Health experts are doing their utmost to learn the details about how this new virus spreads and to develop appropriate immunizations.

Today, we had a call with other public-school leaders to begin a coordination process for communications, planning and other preparations at the federal, state and local level. We will inform you immediately of any emergency actions, so please be sure we have your updated contact information.

As a precautionary measure, **NOW** is the time to develop good, sanitary habits. In order to maintain the health and well-being of NOMMA cadets and parents, faculty, and staff...all members of the NOMMA community are encouraged to:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 30 seconds; don't just do a short rinse.
- Cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands!
- Be conscious of how often you touch your face and try to minimize that contact.
- Limit close personal body contact, including shaking hands. Use fist pump if appropriate.
- Help keep the school and your home clean. Clean surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, TV remotes, cellphones and other frequently touched areas.
- Stay home if you are genuinely sick, until you are feeling better.

NOMMA administration is working with our custodial staff and cleaning company to keep the school as clean as possible, but we need your help to best ensure your safety, health, and welfare.

**Remember...We are NOMMA!** We are all in this together. We are a team that cares about one another and fosters a community of respect. So remind each other of these important practices and habits and continue to support each other as we continue through the school year.