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Dear Owl's Nest Families,

The news regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic continues to raise significant concerns for Idahoans. However, we have yet to see our first positive case in Idaho but it's probably only a matter of time. As of this morning, the Idaho State Laboratory reported NO positive COVID-19 cases

Since the health and safety of your children and our staff is the #1 priority, we need to adhere to and implement extra precautions and recommendations from the West Ada County School District. Obviously, we want to keep our doors open to serve you but there are still many unknowns and we will need to reassess the situation on a daily basis and adjust our plan accordingly.

Please see the attached West Ada County School District update that we received. We will continue to forward these updates and mirror their precautions and recommendations. In the meantime, here are the steps that we're taking to protect your children and our staff:

- STRICT adherence to our illness policy; most notably excluding children who have any form of fever
- Extreme caution with children exhibiting a new onset upper respiratory cough, especially when combined with a fever
- Cleaning toys and play surfaces on a daily basis
- Stocking up on hand sanitizer products and paper products that are at risk for becoming unavailable in the near future
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and face masks for both staff and children as a precaution
- Continuing to follow best practices for safe food handling (as always)

There is still much to learn about COVID-19, however what is known at this time is that like most illnesses, the most effective method to reduce the spread of this illness is to avoid contact with others. We understand that following the above precautions could mean your child needs to remain at home and you will miss work and we do apologize but it's become necessary.

Again, we will continue to send updates as they become available. Please review updates from the following state and national agencies for more information.

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

Central District Health: <https://cdh.idaho.gov/dac-coronavirus>

State of Idaho: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov>

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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