



EASTCONN

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

On February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) held a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDC emphasized that ***there is not currently a COVID-19 pandemic in the United States.***

At this time, there are no reports of COVID-19 in our state or community. We are monitoring all reported illnesses as we do during each flu season.

With the increased focus on COVID-19 at both the national and local levels, we wanted to share with you the steps we have taken within our EASTCONN schools and programs to prevent the spread of illness:

- Instructional reminders of best health practices have been shared with students and personnel.
- Our classrooms and facilities are regularly sanitized to reduce the spread of germs.
- Informational posters, regarding symptoms and prevention, have been distributed to all sites.

To reduce the potential for any illness, please remind your family that the most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of infectious disease is to follow these basic health best practices:

- Wash hands thoroughly with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, and remain there until you recover (24 hours of good health without medication).

For more information on how you can protect your family, go to [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

The EASTCONN community is prepared to alter our procedures and planning should the situation change. We will communicate any changes when the time is appropriate.

Please continue to look for further updates from us on this matter.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary E. Mala". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Gary Mala
EASTCONN Executive Director