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The Health and Safety of our students and staff is the first priority of Herkimer BOCES and with the wall-to-wall coverage of Coronavirus in the media, an understandable level of uncertainty and unease has been created.

Over the weekend, Governor Cuomo declared a "State of Emergency" in NYS. This was done only to free up additional funding and resources for the State to access. *There is no additional cause for concern because of the declaration.*

There have been no local, confirmed cases of Coronavirus to date. That being said, it is still the recommendation from the NYS Department of Health, that we take the following steps as a precaution and to slow the spread of any viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth,
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throw it away immediately,
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

For the most up-to-date and accurate information check the NYSDOH website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Sincerely,
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