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The Coronavirus COVID-19 is a growing source of concern for all people. DHSS and the CDC are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in many locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

We have been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and intend to support the mandatory local, state and federal guidelines while promoting calm vigilance. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed.

Everyone should: 1) Wash your hands with soap and water frequently, 2) stay home and avoid close contact with people who are sick (social distancing of 6 feet), 3) cover you mouth and nose with a face cover when around others even though you don’t feel sick, 4) in private, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, dispose, and wash your hands, and 5) clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

We urge all families to continue the practice of healthy behaviors. If a person is running a temperature and/or exhibiting a cough and difficulty breathing, stay at home and call your healthcare professional.

Here are links to some additional resources to help stay informed:

Center of Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of Kansas <https://govstatus.egov.com/coronavirus>

State of Missouri <https://www.mo.gov/>

American Academy of Pediatrics [America Academy of Pediatrics website for COVID info.](#)

World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

American Camp Association <https://www.acacamps.org/>

As an organization we value the world, the people who live in it, and the contribution everyone can make. These are not separate values, but concentric circles. The values that are important to us as an organization are the same as those that we strive to instill in the children we guide.

*Be Safe! Be Healthy! We’re in This Together!*