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TO: MHSА SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Good morning. We are paying close attention to the latest news regarding the Coronavirus and any information being circulated by various entities, including Montana's Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Public Instruction, MtSBA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The following link is to a recent article with information from OPI and MtSBA:

[Montana education officials urge schools to be prepared for coronavirus](#)

The following is a link to CDC information that provides guidance for schools:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html>

The NCAA is dealing with similar issues regarding schools, contests and tournaments. The link below will connect you to the NCAA website for their latest information:

<http://www.ncaa.org/sport-science-institute/ncaa-coronavirus-resources>

It is recommended that each district review information from the above entities and contact your local health departments ASAP to discuss contingency plans in case there are school closures affecting spring practices and regular season spring contests/meets.

The MHSA will continue to monitor this issue and any effects the virus may have on current MHSA post season events and will keep you posted.

And, we will certainly keep you informed as to any new information we receive from any of these organizations, or other reputable sources.

Thank you and if you have any questions please feel free to contact the MHSA office.