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Unfortunately, there is misinformation circulating in our community regarding the coronavirus and its impact on schools. We encourage stakeholders to scrutinize sources of information carefully, particularly on social media.

At this time the Hall County School District does not have any confirmed cases of the coronavirus among students or team members; however, it is aware that as the situation continues to evolve rapidly, the possibility exists in which individuals employed by the district may be exposed to people who have tested positive for the virus. In such cases, we will work closely with the District 02 Public Health Department to ensure that we comply with CDC guidance and protocols.

It is our objective to protect the health of our students, our team members, and the Hall County community, while at the same time respecting the privacy of individuals who may be impacted directly by the virus.

During our school from home days, the Hall County School District is working hard to do its part in helping the community and state slow down the spread of the coronavirus, while minimizing disruption to student learning during these challenging days:

Our custodial teams continue to follow our cleaning protocols in all Hall County Schools. Disinfectant foggers have been added to our practices to ensure an extra layer of cleaning.

We are operating today at 100 percent employment across the district; however, in order to maintain safety, our team members are utilizing working from home, technology, social distancing, and avoiding large group gatherings.

We continue to track and monitor all travel outside the country by students and employees.

All student field trips, competitions, practices, and meetings have been postponed until further notice.

Finally, we continue to rely on the guidance of the CDC, the State and Local Departments of Health, the Georgia Department of Education, and the Office of the Governor.