MEMO

TO: NYSPHSAA Section Executive Directors
FR: Dr. Robert J. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director
RE: Coronavirus
DATE: March 4, 2020

As the coronavirus continues to dominate national and local news, the NYSPHSAA would like to remind member schools, that with all viruses, prevention is key.

The New York State Department of Health recommends the following precautions in preventing any virus:

• Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
• Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
• Staying home when you are sick.
• Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The NYSPHSAA is paying attention to the latest news regarding the coronavirus. The NYSPHSAA is not considering any schedule changes for upcoming State Championship events at this time. The following are informational links for schools and Sections to use:

CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

New York State Department of Health
https://www.health.ny.gov/

It is recommended that schools work with their local health department as news continues to develop.

The NYSPHSAA will certainly keep member schools and Sections informed as we receive information from the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Education Department or other respectable and reliable sources.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this memo, please let me know right away.

Thank you.