



Dear Schalmont Community,

We are looking forward to welcoming families, staff, and students to our *Little Shop of Horrors* drama club production this week, March 12 - 14 at Schalmont Central Schools. Our facilities will be fully operational and accessible for those who wish to attend. That said, we are closely monitoring the public health situation regarding the COVID-19 virus. We are practicing and communicating the processes and procedures outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

Schalmont's maintenance teams are regularly cleaning and disinfecting all of our facilities to minimize the spread of viruses to you, our students, and staff. Restrooms are readily accessible, and hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the schools. While we have taken steps to mitigate the spread of viruses, when faced with potential communicable illnesses, reliance on individual precautions is the best precaution. The CDC recommends the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- CDC does not recommend that people who are well wearing a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

If you have traveled to a country categorized as 'Level 2' or 'Level 3' by the CDC within the past 14 days, or been in contact with someone who has, or if you are presenting a sore throat or cold-like symptoms, please refrain from visiting the school for this drama club

production and closely monitor your health conditions. Those with symptoms should not come to the schools until cleared by a health care professional. More information regarding countries that have been categorized as 'Level 2' or 'Level 3' can be found on the [CDC website](#).

Those seeking more information should use trusted sources such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). For more information, please visit the following websites (click links below):

- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- [New York State Department of Health](#)

This a very serious health matter. We will continue to share information as it becomes available. Your support and assistance are greatly appreciated. All of us must take the necessary precautions to safeguard the well-being of our community.