

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Dear parent/guardian,

This letter comes as a result of the Davis School District meeting with representatives of the Davis County Health Department.

The district has been meeting weekly with the health department since February 28 and both are working hand-in-hand to stay current on the most up-to-date information regarding the novel coronavirus. Plans are that those meetings will continue.

Currently, Brian Hatch, director of the Davis County Health Department, sits on the Governor's Utah COVID-19 Community Task Force. Because of the close relationship we have established with his department, we highly benefit from his expertise.

As is normal protocol during cold and flu season, custodial staff are disinfecting flat surfaces and door knobs in all schools. With the heightened sensitivity being given to novel coronavirus, extra efforts are being made to disinfect touchpoints in schools.

As a reminder, the biggest line of defense is the measures and precautions all Utah residents should already by practicing. Those precautions include:

- Covering your nose and mouth with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throwing the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective, but soap and water are more readily available.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth, as germs can more easily gain entrance into your body through those areas.
- Staying home from school, work and other social gatherings when you are ill. We remind you to be vigilant when it comes to making sure your child or children are healthy as they attend school.

The Davis School District continues to monitor school absentee rates and to consult with the health department.

For more information about novel coronavirus, or for any future updates about the district's response, visit our website at https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/departments/risk-management/viral-infections

Sincerely,

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Director of Communication & Operations