



Dear Elmbrook Families & Staff:

The School District of Elmbrook values the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We work throughout the year to promote healthy schools. Safety is always our priority.

As you know, the 2020 flu season has been complicated by a new [coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). Even though there is no reported case of the coronavirus in our District, we are taking steps to protect students and staff from all common winter germs and viruses, including the coronavirus.

The district is:

- monitoring student absences to identify illness trends;
- following guidance and recommendations from the [Waukesha County Health Department](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#);
- using effective hospital-grade cleaning supplies to reduce the spread of germs, paying special attention to disinfecting commonly touched objects and surfaces during this flu season;
- reminding students about hand-washing and other healthy habits;
- ensuring that people who have flu symptoms are sent home; and
- reviewing our plans for virtual learning days should schools need to close.

We are asking families to:

- keep children home when they are sick and report symptoms when calling in an absence. Children may return to school when they have been symptom-free (fever or vomiting) without medication for 24 hours;
- help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu by getting the flu vaccine and practicing [good personal health habits](#) recommended by the CDC;
- [review your contingency plans](#) (childcare, transportation, access to technology) should schools need to close for an extended period. Students should take home their 1:1 devices and chargers nightly;
- **notify your school if your student has plans to travel out of the country.** As the coronavirus spreads, it is important for you to know that if staff or students travel to an area that [is now/or becomes identified as a Level 2 or Level 3](#) when they are there, the School District will follow the CDC quarantine recommendation requiring you to stay home for 14 days before returning to school/work.

We will continue to monitor and assess the situation and take appropriate action to protect our students and limit the potential spread of the flu and coronavirus.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping children healthy.

Superintendent Mark Hansen