



District 20 Health Update 3-10-2020

Keeneyville School District 20 continues to closely monitor the situation involving the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and is working in coordination with county, state and federal health authorities. The health and safety of our students, staff and families is a top priority for the District. Our decision-making will demonstrate an abundance of caution to protect everyone's health and well-being.

Prevention

It is important to understand that we all play a role in reducing the likelihood of a novel coronavirus outbreak in our school community. The District 20 Health Services webpage (www.esd20.org/for-parents/health-services) and School Nurse webpages provide tips for "[Staying Healthy This Cold and Flu Season](#)" as recommended by IDPH. Remember to practice good habits, including:

- ✓ Wash 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 with at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ✓ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- ✓ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ✓ Please consult your healthcare provider if you have a concern for yourself or a family member shows symptoms of illness.
- ✓ Consult [travel advisories](#) when preparing to travel outside of the country, particularly to already impacted areas.

Absenteeism - Students Should Stay Home When Sick!

Please keep your child home when he/she is sick. Students must be free of fever and vomiting for *24 hours* without the use of medication before returning to school. Please follow the [District 20 Attendance Procedures](#) for calling-in your child's absence from school.

- Students who are returning from travel to areas with community spread of COVID-19 must follow guidance they have received from health officials. COVID-19 information for travel is updated regularly on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website. The guidance specifically states that staff or students who have traveled to a location with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 should ***stay home for 14 days after their return date***. Please contact the school if this applies to your student(s).

District 20 Cleaning Procedures

- D20 custodial staff continues to be diligent with cleaning practices in all of our buildings. This includes daily cleaning and disinfecting with special attention given to "hot spots" (doorknobs, buttons, handles, tables in the cafe, etc.) The District will also be utilizing the *Clorox Total 360 System* in our buildings to provide enhanced disinfecting and sanitizing solutions with spray technology as needed. We will continue to do a deep clean over Spring Break.

Other Resources

- For the most current and reliable information, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Information about COVID-19 is also available on the [Illinois Department of Public Health website](#) and the [DuPage County Health Department website](#).
- Visit Illinois State Board of Education for [Guidance to Schools on Coronavirus](#) and other updates.
- If you have questions, call the Illinois Coronavirus hotline (800) 889-3931 or send an email to DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV.

We will continue to monitor this developing situation and will share additional information as it becomes available. Thank you for your help to keep our school community healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

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