

To Yorkville Parents/Guardians:

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is monitoring the increase in respiratory illness. Enterovirus D-68 is only reportable to the Health Department if two criteria are met: the culture must come back positive, and the child must be admitted to intensive care. Today, our local Kendall County Public Health Department confirmed that we have no cases in our County that meet these criteria.

It's important to know that the steps you take to avoid becoming ill, and the treatment for this virus, are similar to those of most illnesses. Enteroviruses are transmitted through close contact with an infected person, or by touching objects or surfaces that are contaminated with the virus and then touching the mouth, nose, or eyes. To help protect yourself and others from Enterovirus infections:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid close contact (touching and shaking hands) with people who are sick
- Clean and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces
- Teach your child to cough/sneeze into their elbow
- Keep your child home when sick

Symptoms of enterovirus illness can include fever, runny nose, sneezing, coughing and body aches.

If you, or your child, are experiencing cold like symptoms and are having difficulty breathing, the IDPH recommends that you contact your health care provider right away.

There is no specific treatment for EV-D68 infections and no specific anti-viral medications currently available for this purpose so prevention is important.

In Yorkville CUSD 115, we are diligent about cleaning surfaces. The custodial staff sanitizes desktops, door knobs and cafeteria tables daily. Individual classroom equipment and tables are wiped down during the day by the teachers as well. We are looking forward to healthy, productive school year and appreciate your participation in making this happen for our students.