

HEALTHY DRAGONS CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE GUIDELINES ST. RICHARD'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



FACTS

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person mainly between close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Patients with COVID-19 have had a mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

The risk of individuals who have not traveled or had contact with someone ill with COVID-19 becoming ill from the virus is low. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing hands often.

SRES EFFORTS

We are actively following guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the Marion County Health Department, and the Department of Homeland Security, as well as NAES, NAIS, and ISACS. We also have developed contacts within many of these organizations to ensure open communication and accessibility of resources. As the situation changes daily, we are also participating in conferences and webinars offered by these organizations.

Our facilities and cleaning crews are increasing their services and attention to preventing the spreading of germs both by monitoring the soap and hand sanitizers as well as increasing the cleaning of high touch areas. Our cleaning company services hospitals and medical facilities, and they have assured us that they are using the same protocols and cleaning products in our school.

Our faculty members are instructing students to increase hand-washing, preferably with soap and water, especially before eating snack and/or lunch and entering and exiting the health clinic.

Nurse Debi Schilling is closely monitoring attendance trends and is swiftly evaluating students who feel ill. She is also reminding parents of the importance of quickly responding to the need for a child to be picked up due to an illness. We are requiring students and faculty and staff to remain at home if they feel ill and to strictly adhere to our sick policies (fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning). While we will not be testing for the Coronavirus, Nurse Debi will advise parents to have visit a healthcare provider as needed.

Our food services provider, led by Chef Andy, is closely enforcing food preparation and serving guidelines and is preparing to ensure adequate food supply in case of a Coronavirus outbreak. Should the school need to close for an extended period of time, our faculty and division heads are working with Mr. Love, our Academic Technology Coordinator, to implement virtual learning resources and opportunities.

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AT HOME EFFORTS

Please regularly practice good hand-washing at home for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Please discourage from touching their eyes, nose, and mouth and encourage them to cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.

Please keep your children at home if they are ill and to strictly adhere to our sick policies (children must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning). We also ask that you contact your healthcare provider with any questions and/or concern. Please pick up your child within an hour, and preferably sooner, if your child needs to go home from school due to any illness.

With the approach of spring break, please be aware that the CDC recommends cancelling all non-essential travel to any country under a Level 3 advisory and to strongly consider not traveling to a country under a Level 2 travel advisory. The guidelines associated with travel to high-risk countries and the process for subsequent reentry into the United States may change rapidly and without notice. Please note that students and families who travel abroad could be subject to quarantine and other delays upon return as circumstances and recommendations change. Refer to our website for additional school-related information and www.cdc.gov for additional travel and health information.

Finally, please inform the Marion County Health Department and SRES if any member of your family is diagnosed with the Coronavirus.