



Coronavirus Update & Recommendations

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Dear Corsicana ISD Families:

We want to assure you that Corsicana ISD is working with local, state and federal agencies to track the coronavirus situation. **Health officials have indicated the risk to our school community is low at this time.**

Based on the current information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools should take the same steps to protect against coronavirus as we do to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or the flu:

- 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.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The 2019 novel coronavirus is believed to be spread through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes, much like the flu and other respiratory viruses are spread. Symptoms can be fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. At this time, persons considered at risk are those who have traveled to China, South Korea, Japan, or those in close contact with persons infected with novel coronavirus.

We can protect our students, teachers, and the broader community by using simple everyday actions that protect people from other types of respiratory viruses. Our teachers, school nurses, and staff are working carefully to encourage these effective habits of frequent handwashing, covering every cough or sneeze, and cleaning classroom surfaces.

Corsicana ISD is taking further action to ensure thorough disinfection of classroom and common spaces as well as frequently touched locations such as door handles. Additional soap and hand sanitizers are being stocked across the district.

Updated information from the CDC on coronavirus in the United States can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. The most recent information about coronavirus in Texas may be found at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

Thank you for your support and for keeping Corsicana ISD schools safe. We will keep you updated if further action is needed.

Sincerely,

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