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Clayton County Public Schools Issues Notice Regarding Coronavirus Disease

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is monitoring the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) throughout the world and country. As a precaution, the district’s Division of Student Services has prepared the following document to inform the community about the virus along with resources as identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

What is Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

Coronavirus Disease Symptoms

According to the CDC, for confirmed coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms can include:

- ❖ Fever
- ❖ Cough
- ❖ Shortness of breath

CDC believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. This is based on what has been seen previously as the incubation period of the Middle East respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus (MERS-CoV) viruses.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Resources

- ❖ How it Spreads: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>
- ❖ How to Protect Yourself: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/what-you-should-do.html>
- ❖ Frequently Asked Question: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Even though **there are no reports of the virus cases in our county**, Clayton County Public Schools would like to remind all stakeholders about some additional ways to protect your family from getting sick:

- ❖ Children and Adults who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they feel better.
- ❖ Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.

- ❖ Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ❖ Teach your children to stay at least three feet away from people who are sick.
- ❖ Carry a hand sanitizer with you to make frequent cleaning of hands easy.
- ❖ Always wash your hands before you eat.
- ❖ Be especially careful in busy airports and other public transport systems about touching things and then touching your face.
- ❖ Carry disposable tissues with you, cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze and dispose of the tissue carefully (catch it, bin it, kill it).
- ❖ Do not share snacks from packets or bowls that others are dipping their fingers into.
- ❖ Avoid shaking hands or cheek kissing if you suspect viruses are circulating.
- ❖ Regularly clean not just your hands, but commonly used surfaces and devices you touch or handle.

If you have questions, please contact your school nurse, healthcare provider, or the Clayton County Board of Health. For additional information please see additional safety tips on the CDC fact sheet.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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