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## **Clayton County Public Schools Issues Update Regarding Coronavirus Disease**

**JONESBORO** – Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is continuing to monitor national and local reports regarding the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). While there are currently no documented cases in Clayton County, as a precaution district officials are preparing for all possibilities regarding the spread of this virus as well as enhancing preventative measures to safeguard the students and stakeholders of Clayton County Public Schools. These actions are in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization, the State Board of Health and the Clayton County Board of Health.

As it is believed that one of the best ways to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, and other illnesses, is to maintain a clean environment, CCPS is dispatching additional hand soap, hand sanitizer, cleaning, and disinfectant supplies to schools and facilities as well as increasing the frequency of routine cleanings of buses and facilities throughout the day. In addition, district leaders are determining the status of school-sponsored travel activities for scholastic and extracurricular activities on a case-by-case basis.

Currently, the district's Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment is finalizing instructional and digital learning plans in the event of mandated school closures as a result of this virus. If students must remain home for an extended period, they will be able to engage in learning opportunities via the district's Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom Resources. These include (1) Use of the CCPS Website Instructional Resources, (2) Access to Various Online Learning Platforms, and (3) Use of the Google Classroom.

Please note Clayton County Public Schools will activate and/or alter these safety plans as appropriate to protect our students, staff, and stakeholders as needed. Individuals who are sick should visit their health care providers or the Clayton County Board of Health to receive the appropriate medical attention. It is encouraged that children and adults with illnesses stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they feel better. CCPS district leaders will address all illness-related attendance matters internally and at the direction of State Officials in the event of a declared state of emergency.

Please see the following additional resources from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention as well as ways to protect your family from getting sick:

### **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

## **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>
- ❖ Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html>
- ❖ Frequently Asked Question: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

## **Georgia Department of Education Resources**

- ❖ COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and Schools  
<https://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/communications/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

## **Ways to Protect Your Family from Getting Sick**

- ❖ Consider alternatives to handshakes (fist bumps, elbow bumps, etc.)
- ❖ 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. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJG72sycQB8&feature=youtu.be>)
- ❖ 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 healthcare provider, school nurse, 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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