



Wylie Independent School District

Dear WISD Parents and Staff,

As you know the Center for Disease Control has recently shared information about the concerns for public health within the United States due to the novel coronavirus. I think it is important for us to share with you what Wylie ISD is currently doing.

Understandably, viral illnesses are issues for which we are all concerned and are following closely. Health experts continue to study the virus to understand the full nature of its transmission and best practices for prevention, and we are in contact with our local health department to ensure we are learning as much as possible as information is available on how we can keep our students and our staff safe.

Here are some of the preemptive measures we are currently taking to help control the spread of flu and other potential viruses:

Our school nurses and staff follow guidelines set by the Texas Department of State Health Services to protect our children from communicable illnesses. The head nurse and emergency operation team are closely monitoring updates by the CDC regarding viruses such as the flu and the novel coronavirus. Additionally, our custodial staff is working hard to ensure all classroom and facility surfaces are disinfected daily.

Wylie ISD hires a company called Germ Blast to come in three times a year to professionally clean/disinfect all of our campus and athletic facilities. Our last application was the weekend of February 15th.

<https://www.germblast.com/>

We will continue monitoring recommendations by the CDC and local health departments and implement additional measures as we learn more. In the meantime, you can learn more about the novel coronavirus at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>.

The flu remains a more immediate concern, and you can learn more about the flu at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf>.

One of the most important things you can do to help is to emphasize the importance of proper and frequent hand washing to your children. As always, please do not send children to school with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.

What would happen if there was a local outbreak of any viral illness? With guidance from health officials and the Center for Disease Control, the head nurse, assistant superintendents, and the superintendent would determine if the situation is serious enough to close a campus or the district.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's school nurse or our Administration Office.

Sincerely,

Joey Light, Superintendent WISD