



Columbia-Brazoria

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may know, an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has spread throughout China and to 46 other countries, including the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in people under federal quarantine at JBSA-Lackland in San Antonio. These repatriated cases do not change the risk of infection for people in Texas because the patients have been under federal quarantine since their return and have not interacted with the public in Texas communities. Based on current information, there are no other cases in Texas, and the risk for all Texans remains low.

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

At this time, CDC believes 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 MERS coronaviruses. There are actions you can take at home to help protect yourself and your family from COVID-19, influenza, and other viruses. These preventative measures include: Get the flu vaccine.

- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available use alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow/arm or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Keep sick children home, and if you are sick, please stay home as well.

Our teachers, school nurses, and staff are working to encourage these simple and effective habits of frequent handwashing, covering every cough or sneeze, and cleaning classroom tables/surfaces frequently. Children who are ill will be sent home from school. Please contact your campus principal/nurse if you have any questions.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and Columbia-Brazoria ISD will continue to be in communication with the Brazoria County Health Department regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

More information on COVID-19 can be found at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

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