

March 13, 2020



Cityscape Family,

An outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, has led to the spread of respiratory illness, and the United States has confirmed a handful of coronavirus cases related to travel. I want to assure you that our school district is keeping track of this situation through proven and trustworthy sources: our local health department, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). At the present time, these health officials believe the risk to our school community is low.

Cityscape Schools follows the guidance and expertise of national and local health officials to help protect our students and staff from all communicable diseases. While there are no reports of this illness in our area, families are encouraged to visit the CDC website for more information concerning the coronavirus: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Please be assured that Cityscape Schools will continue to be in communication with our local sources and stands ready to take all appropriate measures. Cityscape is closely monitoring all developments and is in communication with public health officials.

Our campus custodial staff will also continue to disinfect campuses each day with hospital-grade products to help offset the spread of communicable illnesses, but it takes all of us to ensure a healthy school environment. As an additional measure, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recommends that all Texas schools perform a deep cleaning of their campuses during Spring Break. Our campus custodial staff and janitorial service will provide a special deep cleaning during Spring Break, beginning Monday, March 16th.

As a reminder, we are still in the cold and flu season, and it is important for families to take preventative measures to safeguard themselves from the spread of communicable diseases.

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTION

We are taking the following measures to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and staff by:

- ❖ Continuously educating students, staff, and community members about the importance of frequent hand washing; covering a cough or sneeze; not touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth; staying home when ill; and other measures to prevent the spread of all communicable disease

- ❖ Routinely disinfecting campuses with our cleaner, which is effective against multiple disease-causing viruses and bacteria
- ❖ Monitoring students for symptoms and referring students to the school campus leadership for assessment (as appropriate)
- ❖ Allowing Campus leadership to exclude students from school attendance according to the Department of State Health Services guidelines:
https://dshs.texas.gov/DCU/health/schools_childcare/SchoolHealth/?terms=communicable%20disease
- ❖ Working with Dallas County Health and Human Services' epidemiology branch for any suspected cases of a "reportable condition"
<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/investigation/conditions/>

Parents and guardians can help to keep children, schools, and the community healthy by:

- ❖ Observing children for signs of infection, which may include coughing, colds, fever, itching on the skin and scalp, and unusual rashes
- ❖ Keeping sick students at home and seeking medical attention for severe illness
- ❖ Reinforcing the importance of good hand hygiene
- ❖ Adopting healthy practices, such as disposing of used tissues, coughing into a sleeve rather than into a hand, and not touching one's eyes, nose, and/or mouth
- ❖ Keeping children home until free of fever for 24 hours (without the aid of fever-reducing medication)
- ❖ Keeping children home until free of diarrhea for 24 hours (without the aid of anti-diarrheal medication).
- ❖ Receiving the flu vaccine

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your local school campus leadership.

Thanks, in advance, for helping us keep our students happy, healthy, and safe.

Sincerely,

Leonard Brannon
CEO/Superintendent