

As you know the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is becoming more prevalent in the United States. Currently there are no infections reported in Idaho. I anticipate the situation will change from day to day. As a school district we are planning for when the disease reaches our community. The district's response to an outbreak in our community will be coordinated with our local and state health agencies. Any response will be guided with the goal of protecting students and staff. In the event of a sustained school closure we would continue the education process through an on-line school setting utilizing our teachers and staff. Having the benefit of 1:1 computing devices in our district allows us the opportunity to continue education in a severe situation.

If your child is sick, please keep them home. If they become ill during the school day, please come and pick your child up immediately upon notification from the school. Encourage good hand washing hygiene with your child.

Here are some of the things the school district will do as we continue to monitor the situation.

1. Provide education regarding proper hand washing
2. Provide education regarding proper cough etiquette
3. Monitor absence
4. Communicate with local Central District Health District (CDHD) authorities regarding increased rates of viral infections
5. Remind parents to review the illness policy and keep children home with symptoms of the flu
6. Remind parents to review the attendance policy
7. Coordination with Central District Health (CDH) authorities regarding local and federal directives regarding appropriate measures if the virus is detected locally.
8. Provide education and enforce social distancing and other mitigation measures
9. Provide proper disinfection of school facilities
10. Follow protocols for identifying and excluding infected staff and students
11. Modify the attendance policy to provide for more flexibility for absent students
12. Surveillance and reporting of suspected disease
13. Use of school facilities by the CDHD for public health measures
14. Provide ongoing communication regarding disease, effective mitigation and prevention measures, and community education

Here are a few links to some helpful resources.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/handwashing-family.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/children-faq.html>

