

Taylor County School District

Coronavirus Preparation Information

There is currently no evidence that coronavirus is in any of our schools. The Florida Department of Health is not recommending closures or deep cleaning for schools. We will continue to work very closely with the health department and always implement their recommendations.

The well-being of our students and staff is our top priority.

Our school health personnel are in constant contact with the [Florida Department of Health](http://www.floridahealth.gov/) (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/>) about health concerns across our community, state, country and around the world, including the flu and coronavirus

Our district's current proactive preparations encompass three main areas: Physical, Medical and Educational



<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Installing hand sanitizer dispensers on every school bus and at every school main entrance in the coming days•Focusing extra cleaning in areas where disease is most likely to spread as our custodial crews apply the cleaning method they use during flu season•Arranging large-scale outside vendors who can deep-clean classrooms or entire schools if that becomes necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Increasing messaging to students, families and staff about core disease prevention and hygiene•Preparing videos to show in every school to explain what's happening and what steps to take to prevent the spread of any disease•Ensuring protocols are in place so every school clinic can get fast answers from experts•Reviewing and stocking up on supplies in every school clinic and custodial closet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Directing teachers to post assignments, whenever possible, on our secure Classlink and Oncourse websites so students who miss school can keep learning•Exploring options to ensure students have remote access to learning if they are out of school for an extended period•Preparing additional counselors to respond to schools where anxiety is high to help students focus.
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If a case is detected, steps taken will be guided by the [Florida Department of Health](http://www.floridahealth.gov/) and include:

- Having a specific classroom or group of students stay home or be otherwise isolated
- Isolation of students within a school, minimizing large gatherings
- Closure of a school (this is a last resort)
- Surveys sent into the community to determine relatives and others who may be infected
- A takeover by the Florida Department of Health, who would then coordinate any larger response

Latest Precautions

Our staff has taken several steps to prevent the spread of germs throughout our campuses:

- We have installed hand sanitizer dispensers at the main entrances to all schools, cafeterias, and school buses—to further encourage good hygiene
- Our teams are delivering additional supplies for disinfecting classrooms to all schools. Custodial crews have supplies on hand for daily disinfecting of all areas
- We are posting flyers in all school restrooms on preventing illness and the importance of handwashing. The messages that we want to get out to everyone are: **wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve and stay home if you are sick.**

If your child is sick, we want to ensure they do not miss a step in their learning. Please notify your child's school and their absence will be excused as outlined in the Student Progression Plan

(<https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/52a443a4a8fb401b98347d9b525c4fb2.pdf>)

Travel and Spring Break

If your family has plans to travel for Spring Break, please see the [CDC's Coronavirus Information for Travelers, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html), webpage for the latest information. If you travel anywhere out of the country, including on a cruise, and then you get sick, you must call your doctor or the Florida Department of Health and they may direct you to stay isolated for at least two weeks.

Ways you can help

To help us all prevent the spread of germs, talk with your family about the prevention steps on this [CDC flyer, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf), especially washing hands.

Coronavirus is spread just like the flu, through droplets from sneezing or coughing. It can lead to respiratory illness (an illness that affects breathing and involves the lungs) called COVID-19. If you have specific questions about you or your family's health, contact your health care provider. Additional prevention of the COVID-19 can be found at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

You are welcome to donate additional disinfecting wipes to a school, however, PLEASE CHECK THE INGREDIENTS. We CANNOT use anything that contains Clorox bleach or bleach of any kind—fumes from bleach can linger for days and cause serious breathing issues for students and staff.

Updates

We will continue to send regular updates by email and post them on our district's website and social media sites.

Questions or Concerns

Thank you for your cooperation as we all deal with this unprecedented situation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of the Taylor County Schools' administrators or the district office

