

Dear CPS Families:

We understand the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is causing much anxiety in our community, country and the world. The Columbia/Boone County Health Department and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services are the lead health entities with regard to Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our local community and state and are providing information for our community.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing up-to-date information via its website. A link to the site is available on our district homepage or you can visit it directly here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>.

The school district has a plan should schools be impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) or any other epidemic or pandemic-level illness. In all health-related crises, lead direction would come from the CDC, state health agencies and our local city/county health department. The pandemic plan was built in concert with community partners such including the City of Columbia, Boone County, the University of Missouri, University Healthcare, Boone County Fire, City of Columbia Fire, Columbia Police Department, the City/County Health Department and many others.

Our health services, safety and security and community relations departments are monitoring the situation and following information being provided by lead government agencies. **It is important to note that there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Missouri at this time.**

As a reminder below is the health information that is shared at the beginning of each school year regarding students and illness.

The risk of illness in your family can be reduced by following these important steps:

- **Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing and dispose of the tissue in a proper trash receptacle**
- **Avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes as germs spread this way**
- **Maintain a healthy diet**
- **Avoid sharing drinks, water bottles or silverware with others**
- **Get plenty of rest**

Students exhibiting the following symptoms will be sent home and/or should remain at home if they exhibit any of the following:

- Temperature of 100 degree or greater
- Vomiting with associated signs of illness
- Diarrhea
- Unusual or unexplained rash
- Ongoing symptoms of discomfort or immobility from an injury
- A concerning health condition that may require further medical evaluation

Thank you for your continued care and concern. We will continue to remain vigilant and share information as it becomes available from lead health agencies.

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