

Coronavirus

The safety of our students and staff is our top responsibility. Iberville Parish Schools is in communication with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about COVID-19, also known as coronavirus. There are currently no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Iberville Parish or Louisiana.

Health officials have shared that the best ways to prevent the spread of coronavirus are the same preventions recommended for the flu and common cold. As we are still in cold and flu season, we advise you and your student(s) to take these everyday preventive actions that are always recommended to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Stay home and seek appropriate medical attention when you are sick (fever, dry cough, body aches, shortness of breath, etc...).
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. The constant rubbing action helps soap break down the grease and dirt that carry most germs.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing your food, dishes, utensils, and other personal hygiene items.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and place it immediately in the trash.
- Avoid shaking hands.

In addition to encouraging employees and families to follow the above preventative actions, we are taking the following additional steps to minimize the chance of an outbreak at one of our schools:

- Increasing sanitation efforts in our schools and buildings, including restrooms, cafeterias, classrooms, etc.
- Reporting to a school principal if a current student or staff member or new families who register have traveled internationally within the last 2 weeks to a country on the CDC's risk assessed list. Out of an abundance of caution, we request that these students and staff wait for the 14-day incubation period (beginning the day of return to the U.S.) to expire before returning to school or work.
- Monitoring absences daily.

As this is an ongoing situation, the CDC updates its online resources daily. These can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make provisions as needed. Updates will be provided for you if we have more information.