

Platte County School District #1

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Dear Parents and Guardians

At this time, we would like to take an opportunity to reach out and reassure you regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We would like you to be aware that we are actively reviewing our protocols and reviewing our plan to address this illness, in order to protect our students, staff, and the community at large.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. Stopping transmission (spread) of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy.

PCSD #1 is working with local health officials to help protect the whole school community, including those with special health needs. Communication between the schools and the local and federal health departments are open as we continue to learn more about potential outbreaks and concerns. We play an important role in slowing the spread of diseases to help the staff and students have a healthy and safe learning environment. Infection control policy and procedures for everyday practice are in place (e.g., encouraging and teaching hand hygiene, monitoring absenteeism, communicating routinely, disinfecting desks and surfaces in classrooms) to reduce the transmission of diseases.

Stay safe and prepared with these simple tips

- Wash your hands with soap often and for at least 20 seconds, if soap and water are not available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid heavily public areas and touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- If you develop a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, seek medical care

As a district, all students with a temperature of 100.0 F or greater will be sent home. Students will not be readmitted to school until they are <u>fever free (without medications)</u> for a full 48 hours. In the event of a declared medical pandemic, the school district may revisit the need for medical clearance to return to school following severe illness.

For more information regarding COVID-19, influenza, and other diseases, please visit CDC.org for more information. Do not hesitate to reach out to the district nurses for questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Tara Adams, RN & Brandy Crowley, RN,

Platte County School District #1 Nurses

