

PREVENTION & MITIGATION

Your children are our highest priority and their health, safety and welfare is of top concern. By working together, we can educate and build awareness regarding illness in our community, enforce good hygiene, monitor wellness and follow guidelines and protocols to ensure the best possible learning environment for students and the health of the whole community.

We know early detection is a significant part of any disease mitigation and Newton ISD works closely with area health departments during times of heightened health concern. School nurses and other staff members play a vital role in identifying illness at its onset and following protocols is critical to controlling outbreaks.

Newton ISD very strictly enforces guidelines regarding illnesses and when to stay home from school and it takes parents and staff members working together to be successful. If a child becomes ill while at school, faculty and staff do their best to isolate him or her and contact parents promptly to pick up their student.

Newton ISD schools routinely teach and reinforce the following:

- Proper hand washing (soap and water for 20 seconds and hand sanitizer in between)
- Washing hands after certain activities, including bathroom breaks, after recess and before lunch
- Cough and sneeze etiquette (cough into the upper sleeve or use tissue and dispose of it properly)
- Keeping hands away from eyes, nose and mouth
- Staying home if sick
- And other healthy habits

Hand sanitizer are available in common areas. In addition, the Newton ISD Custodial Department follows strict guidelines and uses hospital-grade products to clean and disinfect school buildings daily. In addition to regular custodial cleanings, a special team is also utilized throughout the District in times of heightened health concern to further prevent the spread of disease.

Note: The Newton Independent School District Health Services Department does share personal identifiable student health information with state and local public health entities on a need to know basis for the purposes of immunization compliance and communicable disease control as required by state law.

FACTS & INFORMATION

Flu/Influenza

All students, staff, & family members may go to any flu vaccine clinic in the district. All students must be accompanied by a parent.

- [Everyday Steps for Flu Prevention](#)
- [Frequently Asked Flu Questions for the 2018-19 Flu Season](#)
- [Protect Yourself & Your Family Against Flu](#)
- [Find Available Flu Vaccines by Zip Code](#)

Measles

- [Health Advisory from the CDC](#)

Whooping Cough / Pertussis

- [Whooping Cough Resources from the CDC](#)

Enterovirus D68

- [Enterovirus D68 Resources from the CDC](#)

Staph / MRSA

- [Staph / MRSA Resources from the CDC](#)

Ebola

- [Ebola Resources from the CDC](#)

Zika Virus

- [Don't Give Zika a Biting Chance](#)
- [Protection & Prevention](#)

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**
- **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**