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The Martin County School District is aware of the increased level of concern our community shares about Coronavirus (COVID-19). District staff continue to follow the expert information and guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Florida Department of Health in Martin County (DOH Martin).

We are closely monitoring the health and attendance of students and staff, and are also working diligently to keep our schools, facilities and buses clean.

At this time, state public health experts advised that the majority of people impacted by COVID-19 have been senior citizens or individuals with compromised immune systems. The District has not made plans to cancel current or future activities, athletic events or field trips. Student and employee participation in field trips, events or extracurricular activities in and outside of the county, state or country are always decisions to be made by individuals or families.

The District will continue to follow all CDC and DOH Martin recommendations to prevent the spread of illness. These recommendations include:

- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding the touching of one's eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home when sick, especially when running a fever.
- Coughing or sneezing into an elbow or using a tissue and immediately discarding it into the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The District uses EPA-approved cleaning solutions to disinfect high-traffic, frequently touched areas on a daily basis. Electrostatic sprayers are also being deployed to provide custodial staff the ability to efficiently sanitize and disinfect large areas on a continuous basis.

If a student or employee exhibits respiratory symptoms, our school health nurses will follow standard precautions and work with our District safety team and DOH Martin to further research individual/family travel histories. We encourage families to follow the [CDC's information for travel](#).

Please help to keep our students and staff safe by staying informed, practicing good hygiene, and staying home or keeping children home if they have been running a fever or are exhibiting signs of a fever.

Coronavirus Resources:

- [CDC Coronavirus](#)
- [Tips to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [Understanding the Coronavirus \(Video\)](#)
- [Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)
- Countries currently included on the [CDC's Level 3 List](#):
  - China
  - South Korea
  - Iran
  - Italy

Thank you for your continued support of the Martin County School District and for partnering with us for your child's education.