

Dear Wimberley ISD Parents,

The Center for Disease Control recently shared information about the concerns for public health within the United States from the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

No cases have been reported in Hays County. However, because there is heightened global concern about the virus, it is important for us to share with you what we are doing:

#### Infection Control Measures at WISD

- Wimberley ISD follows the Center for Disease Control and the Texas Department of Health recommendations to prevent the spread of the Flu and other illnesses.
- The CDC is currently working to modify Flu prevention recommendations to be relevant for the Coronavirus and advises school to continue to use the Flu prevention measures until new recommendations are available.

#### Included as part of the recommendations WISD personnel do the following:

1. The school nurses as part of the public health reporting system send regular reports to the local health department offices including any case of influenza (Flu) like illness defined as a fever >100 F with a cough /sore throat with no other diagnosis. These are very similar to coronavirus symptoms. Regular communication about infectious disease with our local Health Department ensures timely intervention if an illness starts to increase in our community.
2. In our nursing offices students are sent home for temperatures of > 100 degrees are required to stay home until they are fever free without using fever reducing medications for 24 hours. They wait for parent pick up in an individual area and the environment is cleaned using a disinfectant between patients.
3. Each nursing office is disinfected daily. All schools are cleaned daily with special attention to daily disinfection of frequently used surfaces like doorknobs.
4. Staff, faculty and students have access to handwashing and hand sanitizing stations on each campus. Schools have a good supply of tissues, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer and wipes available.
5. Frequent, effective handwashing is the first and best step in preventing the spread of viral illness. Over the next two weeks each campus at WISD will have lessons for students about how and why to wash their hands.
6. Our custodial staff ensures that all classroom and facility surfaces are cleaned and disinfected daily.
7. Our transportation team is wiping, mopping and disinfecting each route bus daily and trip buses after each use.
8. Our campuses continue to encourage handwashing and other best practices for preventing the spread of flu and other diseases through posters and other means.