

Public Health Advisory Statement for Springfield School District

Date: Thursday 5 March 2020

1. Springfield School District strongly advises all students, parents, faculty and community members to review their general health before attending school or school-related events, and to restrict attendance to those who are not exhibiting the following symptoms:

- a. influenza-like symptoms
- b. common cold symptoms
- c. elevated body temperature (over 100 degrees)
- d. excessive coughing, or sneezing.

2. Springfield School District supplies commonly-available disinfectant materials, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and tissues throughout the school for use, as necessary, during the school day to disinfect common surfaces and to prevent disease transmission, and further advises the following precautionary personal hygiene practices while attending school or school-related events:

a. Frequent and thorough hand-washing -for 20 - 30 seconds with warm water and soap – particularly after restroom use; prior to consuming food; after touching eyes, mouth or nose; and after touching common surfaces such as student desks, door handles or currency.

b. When proper hand-washing is not practical, disinfect hands using an alcohol-based sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

c. Maintain social distances of 3 feet or more between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

d. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

e. Practice good respiratory hygiene by coughing into your bent elbow, into the neck of your shirt or into a tissue, insuring that your mouth and nose are fully covered, and immediately dispose of any used tissue in a trash receptacle rather than holding it or placing it onto other surfaces for later disposal.

f. If you should develop a fever, influenza- or cold-like symptoms, dry cough, or extensive sneezing, call your healthcare provider to obtain medical advice.

g. Stay informed by following the advice of your healthcare provider, as well as local, state, and national public health agencies.

Springfield School District acknowledges the current worldwide public health crisis, seeks to take proactive measures to minimize the likelihood of the emergence or transmission of COVID-19, and will continue to use the available information provided by the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization to alleviate safety and health concerns of the school community.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/situation-reports/20200301-sitrep-41-covid-19.pdf?sfvrsn=6768306d_2