

**Riverside USD 114**  
**Information on COVID-19**

Riverside Schools want families to know we are closely monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and proactively working with state and local health partners for guidance on preventative measures for the Coronavirus or COVID-19. Currently, the risk of COVID-19 for the general public is LOW according to the CDC. It is essential to remain calm and vigilant in addressing any misinformation that is being spread. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) both provide credible and up to date guidance as it becomes available.

According to the healthcare professionals, the larger risks for students in our communities is still influenza and the common cold. Influenza, the common cold, and COVID-19 requires we take the same precautions to prevent the spread. One of the most important things our school community can do right now is practice preventative measures and remind students and staff of the everyday actions they can take to slow the spread of germs and prevent illness. Our school appreciates the encouraging of these healthy habits at home as well.

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
2. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
3. Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
4. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
5. Stay home when you are sick. Students are only to come to school when they are fever free, vomit free, etc. for 24 hours without the use of fever free medication.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and hard surfaces that may be contaminated with germs. Use preventative products like disposable wipes and hand sanitizer throughout the day to stop the spread of germs.

Riverside USD 114 appreciates your partnership in supporting the health and safety of our school communities.