

Northwestern Local Schools

Valuing one another, working with one another, succeeding together.

Northwestern Warriors,

In our schools, the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. With the recently elevated discussion regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the news, we want to take a moment to reinforce preventive safety measures and let you know what we are doing to make sure our schools remain healthy and safe for all students and staff.

As a school district, we are closely monitoring this situation and taking guidance from the Clark County Combined Health District, Ohio Department of Health, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). There is currently no recommendation to close schools in Clark County.

We encourage our students, staff, and families to be mindful of key preventive measures. The CDC offers some tips on its website that can be useful in avoiding the spread of this and other illnesses. We encourage everyone to practice good health habits, including:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash fingertips and between fingers.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, and then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- If children are feeling sick, please keep them home from school. Allow them some time to feel better so that they do not risk infecting others.

Also, please remember that if children are sick, they should not be at school. Students need to be fever-free, without medication, for 24 hours before returning to class after any illness. Please refer to the health guidelines outlined in our district handbook. Keeping children home when they are sick is critical to prevention.

With your support, we can all work together to prevent illnesses and keep our schools a healthy and safe learning environment for all students and staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 937-964-1318 or steinerj@nwlschools.org.

Sincerely,
Jesse D. Steiner, Superintendent