

WYNNEWOOD Public Schools

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Dear Wynnewood School District Parent / Guardian,

We understand the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is causing anxiety in our community, state, and around the world. The Wynnewood Public School District is communicating closely with the Garvin County Health Department, the Oklahoma State Department of Health, and the Oklahoma State Department of Education to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students.

What is Known

- The virus causing COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified and causes a respiratory illness ranging from a mild “cold-like” illness to a severe respiratory disease.
- Similar to the flu, people who are most likely to be severely affected by the Covid-19 virus are the elderly, the very young, and those with other chronic or underlying medical conditions.
- There is no vaccine or treatment currently available for COVID-19, so prevention is very important.
- Symptoms generally include a fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, and shortness of breath.

How the Virus Spreads

- COVID-19 is believed to be spread primarily in the same way the common cold or flu spreads—through respiratory droplets that are produced when someone coughs or sneezes.
- People who are most at risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 are those who have been in close contact (within about six feet) with someone who has the disease.
- People are thought to be most contagious when they are the most symptomatic (the sickest).

What You Can Do Now

- Keep children home when they are sick.
- Teach and remind your children to always cover their cough and sneezes with a tissue or cough and sneeze into their elbow.
- Tell children to avoid touching their nose and mouth if possible.
- Teach and remind them to wash their hands (or use hand sanitizer) frequently, especially after using the restroom and before eating.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects (everyday household disinfectants are fine), especially door handles, toilet handles, and sink handles.

What the School District is Doing

- Reinforcing the use of good hygiene habits to our students district wide.
- Our District's custodial staff is exceptional and already utilizes strong practices for preventing the spread of viruses. We will continue to take an aggressive approach to surface disinfection.
- We are ensuring that our teachers have the necessary disinfectants in their classrooms to use as needed.
- Purchased and using electrostatic sprayers filled with non-toxic disinfectant in our classrooms, restrooms, and buses daily.
- We will continue to monitor this situation and work closely with state and local health officials.

Ultimately, nobody knows how extensive this pandemic will be and how our community will be affected. As this fluid and unpredictable situation changes and evolves, we will act appropriately and in the best interests of our staff and students. As of now, we will continue to participate in planned and scheduled extracurricular activities, athletic events, and field trips.

Together, we will successfully navigate this matter, as we have done with situations like this in the past. More information will be shared with parents and our community as needed. Thank you for your support and partnership.

Sincerely,
Tim Simpson
Superintendent