

Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302

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Dear Okaw Valley CUSD #302 Students, Staff, and Families,

To this date, there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19, commonly called the Coronavirus, in either Shelby or Moultrie Counties. Even though there are not any positive cases at this time, the health and safety of our students continues to be the school district's top priority. Okaw Valley CUSD #302 has reached out to both Shelby County Public Health Department and Moultrie County Health Department for guidance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Based on this guidance, district schools will do the following:

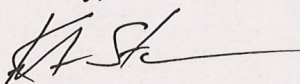
1. Complete a daily full disinfecting of hard contact surfaces. This includes custodial staff attending over the weekends to disinfect all buildings and buses.
2. Discuss with students the importance of frequently and correctly washing hands before touching face, eyes, mouth, and nose.
3. Schedule hand washing times throughout the school day for elementary students.

As part of this guidance from the health department, we are also asking for your help to combat the spread of infectious diseases. Please do the following:

1. If you suspect your child is ill, take their temperature before sending them to school. This must be done without taking a fever reducer such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher, keep them home, contact your physician and communicate with the school. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours prior to returning to school.
2. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently. When washing hands, medical professionals encourage individuals to wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

To see complete recommendations to schools from the Illinois department of Public Health (IDPH), please access their website at www.dph.illinois.gov. We will continue to closely monitor recommendations regarding coronavirus and will update you as soon as there are any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Thank you for your support in helping keep our school community healthy.

Sincerely,



Kent Stauder