

# USD #239 NORTH OTTAWA COUNTY

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USD 239 parents, students, & staff:

At this time USD 239, North Ottawa County, is communicating with local and state officials regarding the COVID-19 virus (Coronavirus). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reports, as of Friday morning, only six confirmed cases in Kansas. I would follow the recommendations of KDHE for all of us. This is continually updated and is a great source of information. With so much misinformation being spread, please use this website for factual information.

<http://www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus/index.htm>

The situation is ever changing and we will continue to monitor. As students have been gone this week we have taken extra steps to clean our facility and prepare for the final nine weeks of school. We do this every Spring Break with a more in depth cleaning.

If you have these symptoms, stay home except to get medical care if your symptoms worsen. There are no medications specifically approved for COVID-19 and most people with mild COVID-19 will recover on their own. Separate yourself from the other people in your home, don't share personal household items to prevent others in your family from getting sick. Wash hands often, and clean high touch surfaces every day. When seeking medical care, make sure to CALL AHEAD FIRST. Do not show up at your doctor's office or the emergency room unannounced. Ottawa County Health Dept. 785-392-2822

In addition to the KDHE recommendations, we highlight a few for success at our school in dealing with COVID 19 along with cold or flu symptoms:

- 1) Students/staff should be fever free without medication for 24 hours
  - a) This will be strictly enforced for all students/staff
  - b) Anything above 100+ temp
- 2) If you feel sick stay home
- 3) Wash your hands
- 4) If you have travelled out of state, or have been in a county with a known case, please have your student check into the office upon arriving to school to have their temperature checked.

This is an ever-changing circumstance and we will continue to monitor and adjust as needed. The safety and security of our students, staff, and families will always be the highest priority for all of us at North Ottawa County Schools. We will continue to update you as often as we receive new information. Please do not hesitate to call or reach out with questions or concerns, [cvignery@usd239.org](mailto:cvignery@usd239.org) or 785-392-2167.

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