



SEDGWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RE: Plans for potential COVID-19 outbreak

Sedgwick Public Schools is closely monitoring the Harvey County Health Department, The Centers for Disease Control, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding plans and monitoring of the COVID-19 virus.

The school district will take direction and guidance from the health department on the response measures; however, the district is preparing by taking the following actions:

- Due to the high rate of influenza this season in our schools, precautions are currently being taken to prevent the spread of influenza including communicating with staff and parents of students who attend schools with high rates of influenza as well as providing recommendations on how to control the spread of illness and what to do when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. School staff members have access to preventive products like disposable wipes and hand sanitizer to use throughout the day to stop the spread of germs. District custodial staff utilize hospital-grade disinfectants and decontamination cleaning systems that sanitize both hard and soft surfaces killing viruses and bacteria.
- An increase in hygiene reminders for students including hand washing before and after meals and covering noses and mouths when sneezing.
- In the event that the health department recommends the closing of schools, the district will communicate with parents utilizing the normal methods of communication.
- If the health department recommends the cancellation of mass gatherings, the district will consider what activities need to be cancelled and communicate with parents and students.
- The district is exploring the use of devices as a way to conduct virtual learning including options for families who do not have access to stable Wi-Fi.
- The District Nurse is monitoring, planning, and getting information from the health department.
- Also, in accordance with district policy, a crisis intervention plan exists to help school district administrators and faculty deal effectively with crises that could interfere with the normal daily operation of the school.
- The District Nurse maintains checklists provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to be utilized for pandemic influenza planning which we are reviewing.