

USD 439 - Information on COVID – 19

Sedgwick Public Schools wants families to know we are closely monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and proactively working with state and local health partners for guidance on preventative measures for the Coronavirus or COVID-19.

Sedgwick schools are in close contact with county and state agencies regarding current conditions or changes in the area of the Coronavirus.

In the event of an outbreak in our community, the district would follow public health partners' lead on any quarantines, closures or other health measures as necessary. As always, Sedgwick's focus is to ensure the safety of all students and staff and to minimize any impact on learning in our schools.

Helpful Links:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Preventions](#)
- [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#)
- [KDHE Coronavirus Fact Sheet](#)
- [Sedgwick County Health Department](#)
- [Sedgwick County Health Department Flyer on Coronavirus](#)
- [Harvey County Health Department](#)

What USD 439 is doing to keep students and employees healthy:

- The district is taking action steps to keep our schools, students, and employees healthy. These measures include educating our school community, encouraging routine handwashing with soap, discouraging the sharing of food, and monitoring attendance and illness patterns.
- If the district receives notice of a confirmed case involving a student or staff member, leaders will communicate that with parents via e-mail.
- While experts at this time do not believe the Coronavirus to be a foodborne illness, our Food Service Department as a preventative measure has reminded its employees of the importance of careful handwashing and that they are not to come to work if they are ill.
- We ask and encourage families and parents to be respectful of others in the district by adhering to district policies. Students who are ill should not be sent to school. Students with temperatures at or above 100 degrees will be sent home. A student must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to class. Ill students should be picked up quickly in order to prevent the spread of disease to others.

**A parent or guardian of a USD 439 student has the authority to keep their child(ren) home if a concern exists

STAY HEALTHY

One of the most important things the Sedgwick community can do right now is practice preventative measures and remind students of everyday actions they can take to reduce the spread of germs and prevent illness. The district appreciates the encouraging of these healthy habits at home as well.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. School staff 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.
- Stay home when you are sick except to get medical care. Children who are ill should remain home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Sedgwick Public Schools appreciates your partnership in supporting the health and safety of our school communities.