

Wilder School District

Response to the spread of communicable diseases

As we await guidance from CDC on specific strategies for schools, the Wilder School District encourages you to follow common sense strategies for preventing the spread of communicable diseases:

Individual level

- Practice social distancing when ill.
- Ask parents to keep children home who exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms.
- Encourage staff to refrain from coming to work if they have cold and flu-like symptoms.

Handwashing

- Encourage all students to keep unwashed hands out of their mouths, eyes, etc.
- Encourage all students to use antibacterial soap.
- Posters have been created to communicate best practices in washing hands.

Classroom/School level

- Have teachers review hand-washing techniques with students.
- Discourage the sharing of food.
- Provide antibacterial soap rather than hand sanitizers in classrooms and bathrooms.
- Encourage maintenance and classroom staff to use antibacterial products on all high-touch surfaces daily.
- Increase frequency of school building cleaning by maintenance staff and upgrade via the use of more effective cleaning products as prescribed by Health Authorities.
- Maintenance staff will be instructed to spray each classroom daily with a microbial disinfectant.
- Sanitizers will be placed at the entrance of each building.
- The school secretaries and nurse will be vigilant in monitoring the student body absences, especially in cases where students exhibit symptoms associated with the virus.

What can you do at home?

- Keep your child home when they are sick with cold or flu like symptoms
- Students, parents, and guardians who are ill, especially with flu-like symptoms (not allergies or chronic conditions), should stay home and seek medical attention
- Teach your child to cover their cough and sneeze with a tissue, discard it immediately and wash their hands. If no tissue is available encourage them to cough into their elbow.
- Tell your child to keep hands away from their nose, eyes and mouth
- Remind your child to wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds several times a day especially after going to the bathroom, and before eating

And remember, while the Coronavirus news is concerning, it is important to point out that there are other respiratory viruses like influenza currently circulating in schools. Fever, coughing and difficulty breathing are symptoms associated with all of them. Therefore, anyone exhibiting these symptoms should not be assumed to have COVID-19.

The school district and nurse will continue to monitor all communication from the CDC and local health officials and continue to update you as we receive additional information and request for action.