

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, the health, safety and well-being of our students and staff are our top priorities. In response to the growing conversations surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the District [shared information](#) last week on the preventative measures it is taking to reduce the spread of everyday illnesses.

At this time, there are no confirmed cases in Tarrant County or any surrounding counties. The information that is available regarding COVID-19 is ever-evolving and changing on a daily basis. As a school district, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Texas Department of Health Services and Tarrant County Public Health.

As we approach Spring Break, we understand that many families may be traveling both foreign and domestically. The CDC, as part of its ongoing efforts to provide updated resources and recommendations, has developed an interactive map in which families may [view a risk assessment by country](#). GCISD encourages families to use this regularly updated CDC tool to make informed travel decisions.

Over Spring Break, District leaders will continue to monitor the information that is shared through the CDC, Texas Department of Health Services and Tarrant County Public Health. We will provide any necessary updates to parents, staff and our community through a District-wide email, as well as updates on the District website: www.gcisd.net.

Thank you in advance for partnering with us for the health and safety of all members of our school community.

Reminders

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth (T-zone).
- Stay home if you are sick. If you have a fever, please stay home until you are fever-free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze, or use a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

Monitoring

A student or staff member who exhibits both signs/symptoms that are associated with COVID-19, including fever, cough and shortness of breath, and has recently traveled to a destination with a CDC Level 3 or Level 2 Travel Health Notice, will be isolated, and be required to wear personal protective equipment until they are sent home. The District may also recommend visiting a health care provider as well as notifying Tarrant County Public Health.

District Cleaning Procedures

The District facilities department is misting campuses and other District buildings on a weekly basis and on an as-requested basis. Additionally, buses will be misted over Spring Break.

The mist is a germicidal detergent designed for use in hospitals and health care settings. The EPA has released an emerging viral pathogen policy, which approves the use of this particular mist for combating COVID-19.