



Enterprise School District #21

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Update regarding Coronavirus readiness at Enterprise School District

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has asked Americans to prepare for the potential effects Coronavirus (COVID-19) may have in communities around the country.

The Enterprise School District would like to assure you that we have been monitoring this situation and are preparing for the possibility that the illness may affect our community.

Our top priority is keeping students safe and healthy so that they can continue to come to school and learn. We are working closely with health authorities to remain up to date on the latest information being released about coronavirus and its potential health consequences. In coordination with multiple community partners, we are also developing plans to address any situation involving a widespread illness.

As with other illnesses such as the cold and flu, it is important that we all work together to keep our students, staff and families healthy. There are basic steps that staff, students and families should be taking to protect themselves, such as hand-washing, remaining home when sick and following other preventive measures as outlined by the CDC at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/prevention.htm>.

We realize the decision to keep a child home due to illness can be challenging to make. The Oregon Health Authority is also providing information about coronavirus at www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

By working together as a community, we can help minimize the impacts of coronavirus, the flu and other illnesses. Thank you for your help in keeping our schools safe and productive learning environments.

Preventive actions you can take against Coronavirus and all Respiratory Illnesses:

- **Call your primary physician if you or your child are having flu-like symptoms.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.** Students and staff should be fever-free, temp less than 100, for at least 24 hours, without fever reducing medication before returning to school. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.** Pathogens spread this way.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, or work, especially when someone is ill.
- **Wash hands for 20 seconds.** Washing hands often under clean, running water can help prevent the spread of pathogens. If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60-95% alcohol.
- **Masks truly are not protective in general prevention and cause unnecessary alarm.** If you see a student wearing a mask, please send them to the superintendent for evaluation and education.