

March 12, 2020 Updates: School Closure Guidance Recommendations.

Information pertaining to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is constantly evolving therefore if you have ANY concerns, please be sure to access CDC website for the latest information. All agencies are trying their best to manage the situation and publish updates and guidelines so any of those sites can also be a valuable resource; CDPHE, CASE, CASB, Fremont County Public Health, etc. To that end, we wanted to share the latest information received. As always, feel free to ask Nurse Debbie, Ken Eckelberry or Danielle Van Esselstine if you have any questions. We will do our best to respond with information we have received, provide you the appropriate contact information or resource if possible.

PLEASE NOTE: As a district, we have developed a set criteria for our response (which is a part of our crisis plan) if this virus impacts our school community.

- Our first step is that Nurse Debbie will complete an evaluation on a case-by-case scenario. As always, if you have any concerns regarding the health of a student, please refer to Nurse Debbie immediately.
- We have an identified secure location for holding any suspected students while parents are being contacted for immediate release.
- Parents are advised to contact their primary care provider (by PHONE) for further instructions.
- Our school nurse will immediately contact Public Health Officials.
- IMPORTANT: We cannot disclose the identity of any suspected individuals. This is confidential and the Fremont Public Health is the only agency with authority in this area.

- In the scenario that we have a student or staff member tested positive, we will follow the requirements listed below which would include school closure and cleaning.
- Communication will be shared with our parents and community as the situation warrants.

****REMEMBER this is an evolving situation. PLEASE refer to our website for links to critical current credible information.**

*****Our maintenance, custodial and transportation staff are completing regular disinfection above recommended cycles by CDC and the Fremont Health Department.**

Last evening we received information from Katy Anthes, our commissioner, regarding recommended guidelines for schools. Below is a brief summary:

Governor Polis held a press conference yesterday in which he shared new information related to COVID-19 and guidelines for school districts.

- If one student or staff member at a school tests positive for COVID-19, it is recommended that school close for 72 hours to clean and disinfect.
- If two students or staff members test positive, the school should close for additional 72 hours (144 hours) for cleaning.
- If a school has three or more students or staff members test positive, the recommendation is that the school close for 14 days for cleaning.

- If a family member tests positive, the state has issued guidelines of additional testing requirements.

More and more guidelines are issued every day from the various state agencies on this matter so again, please refer to our website for links to valuable resources and updates.