

Russellville Independent Schools Pandemic Response Plan

With any potential pandemic event, the Russellville Independent School District will follow local, state and CDC recommendations to monitor the situation, ensure proper disease control protocols are implemented, and determine best steps to protect the health of students, staff and the community. Below is an outline of the district plan regarding the spread of contagious disease:

1. Preparedness

- a. A contagious viral event plan is in place to ensure proper steps are taken to address the spread of highly contagious diseases.
- b. Plan is reviewed to ensure proper implementation in the case of a potential pandemic event.
- c. The Russellville Independent Schools Health Coordinator will work closely with our local health department to maintain awareness of potential health threats and proper protocols to protect the health of students and staff.

2. Prevention

- a. Student and staff absences are monitored and communication with the health department is maintained to determine broader risks in the community.
- b. Custodial practices will be reviewed to ensure that schools and buses are maintaining a clean and sanitized environment.
- c. Continual communication with local health department contacts will occur to monitor progression of the disease, ensure best practices for prevention, and secure resources to educate the students, staff and community.

3. Advanced Precautions

- a. Increase awareness among adult team members, students and the community regarding best practices to prevent the spread of contagious diseases.
- b. Enhanced disinfectant practices including broader distribution of disinfectant wipes and

sanitizers as well as fogging of buses and school buildings will occur after school hours.

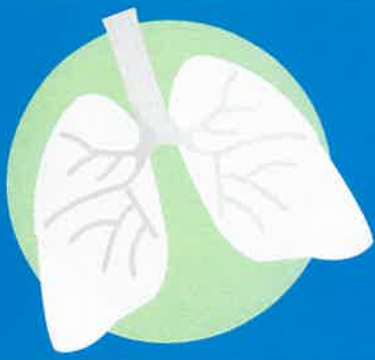
- c. Continual communication with local health department occurs to monitor progression of the disease, ensure best practices for prevention, and secure resources to educate the students, staff and community.

4. Monitoring, Reporting and Heightened Awareness

- a. Russellville Independent Schools will be notified of the virus in our community/state.
- b. School officials will intensify the monitoring process and maintain close communication with the local health department and other health care providers.
- c. School officials will follow preventive protocols related to large assemblies and travel as directed by the local health department.

5. Preparation for Possible School Closures

- a. Local health department will notify district officials if there is a confirmed case in our community.
- b. Russellville Independent Schools will activate school closure procedures. Families will be notified through school announcements, social and local media outlets and by our one-call system.
- c. Length of school closures will be determined in close communication with local health officials.



COVID-19

THE FACTS

At this time, the COVID-19 transmission risk in the United States is considered **low**. There is currently no vaccine. Learn the facts about the virus to help stop the spread of germs and rumors.

How is it spread?



Through the air by coughing and sneezing. Always cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, **NOT YOUR HANDS!**



Touching a surface/object with the virus on it then touching your own mouth, nose, or eyes.



Touching, shaking hands, or having close contact with someone who has the virus.



People of Asian decent, including Chinese-Americans, are **NO MORE LIKELY** to get COVID-19 than any other race or ethnicity. The virus does not discriminate, and neither should you!

What are the Symptoms?

Illnesses can range from mild to severe, and can require hospitalization. Symptoms include:



Fever



Cough



Shortness of breath

For more information visit www.barrenriverhealth.org

How to Prevent COVID-19

COVID-19 is prevented the same way other respiratory disease are. Prevention measure include:

- Washing hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home from work or school while sick
- Cover sneezes and coughs with a tissue or sleeve

