



MADISON-GRANT UNITED SCHOOL CORPORATION

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TO: Madison-Grant Families, Staff, and Community
RE: Pandemic or Public Health Threat Plan of Action
Date: February 28, 2020

The Madison-Grant United School Corporation (MGUSC) will have a plan of action in place to provide safe care and education for students, staff and visitors in the event of a pandemic/public health threat, deemed by local and/or state department of health and/or CDC, that could disrupt normal daily activities at MGUSC.

Definitions:

1. The health and safety of the MGUSC community is our top priority. MGUSC will work with and continue to work with the Madison County Health Department (MCHD), the Grant County Health Department (GCHD), and the Indiana State Health Department (ISHD) for guidance and actions, as necessary, to address any health related issues at MGUSC.
2. MGUSC will suspend any trips to affected regions, states, or countries of suspected/verified/affected by a pandemic/public health threat.
3. MGUSC will not accept any foreign exchange students from pandemic/public health threat affected countries or regions.
4. MGUSC will follow MCHD, GCHD, ISHD, and CDC guidelines for quarantine and/or exclusion of students and staff (and their household members) who have traveled to an affected area or country recently.
5. MGUSC will NOT monitor or screen students or staff who have traveled internationally.
6. **MGUSC will encourage staff and students to use good respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene: cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, stay home when sick, and encourage flu vaccine.**
7. MGUSC, in accordance with MCHD, GCHD, ISHD, and CDC, will have a plan of action for immediate school closure and subsequent education of students should a pandemic/public health threat present in our community.
8. **MGUSC routinely cleans on a daily basis surfaces in the school that are touched by multiple people everyday. Further cleaning policies will be enhanced as needed and/or as recommended by the MCHD, GCHD, ISHD, or CDC or as deemed necessary by school administration.**

Action Steps:

1. Report any suspected student presenting with symptoms of viral outbreak to the local health department. Madison County: 765-641-9524 Grant County: 765-651-2401
2. Have appropriate protective equipment (masks and gloves) readily available to administrative and health staff caring for suspected student/staff, as well as for the suspected student/staff.

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NOTE: At this time, the CDC does not recommend the use of masks for the general public because they aren't an effective way to prevent infections.

3. Keep suspected affected student/staff separated from others as much as possible until arrangements have been made for student/staff to go home
4. Discourage the wearing of face masks by students/staff - masks give a false sense of protection and add to an atmosphere of alarm without being of any help.

NOTE: Some countries wear a face mask to protect against air pollution or germs as a daily normal activity.

5. Keep students home who have a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
6. Follow MCHD, GCHD, ISHD, and CDC recommended guidelines regarding quarantine and/or exclusion of students/staff returning from pandemic/public health threat affected region/country.
7. Relax attendance policy for students/staff affected by exclusion due to quarantining.
8. Encourage students/staff to avoid making assumptions about individuals who may have been affected by a pandemic situation.

Sincerely,



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