



Willcox Unified School District #13

Good afternoon,

In light of all the information regarding COVID-19, I wanted to share with you what we are doing in regard to this situation. We started two weeks ago by posting on the district website and Facebook page information about COVID. You can review the information at this web address: <https://www.wusd13.org/> that shares with you signs, symptoms, and what you can do to help. We will continue to update the website if we receive new information on this virus.

The Governor did issue a state of emergency. This declaration provides several general impacts that activates funding and services should we need them. If you'd like to read the information, you can find it here: https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/eo_2020-07.pdf

From the information provided by the Governor's Office and County Health Services, we are advised to continue with business as usual for schools. We are not being advised to close schools or make any changes to our schedule or calendar of events at this time. If schools are closed in other areas due to wide-spread illness, we will collaborate with the county, local community officials, parents, and our governing board to determine if we will close schools.

As you return to school from spring break and your child shows signs and symptoms of any respiratory illness, please keep them home. We are going to be following the influenza protocol in regard to students or staff being in school if they are ill. The influenza protocol is as follows:

- If your student or you have a fever and cough - you must be fever free for 72 hours.
- For our students, this virus may present as a cold and can be mild to moderate to severe. The virus must run its course, however people may be contagious before signs or symptoms occur. Go to the doctor and rest if you are ill. Do what you have always done when you or your family is sick.

What we are doing:

- Our food service department has strict guidelines for food handling and cleaning/sanitizing. Our food service staff have all passed the food handlers course as well as other courses required by the state.
- The building custodians are taking extra measures to clean and sanitize classrooms daily. They are doing a great job of making sure the school is clean and ready for students on a daily basis.
- The District Emergency Response Team is working on Emergency Operating Procedures, as well as emergency communications plans.
- Our staff is vigilant in helping students remember to wash their hands, cover their cough/sneezes, and not touching their faces. They will also have supplies in classrooms to wipe and clean surfaces regularly. We encourage you to send a personal hand sanitizer with your student if possible as supplies at this time are limited.

Again, we will continue to monitor the county and CDC recommendations and make changes as necessary. Please check our district's website. As we receive information, we will post it there for you.

Kevin Davis
Superintendent