



Jennings County Safety Commission

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Preparedness Plan for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Jennings County Safety Commission has been closely following recent media reports and information from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Global efforts are currently underway to contain the spread of the virus and mitigate its impact. The Federal Government and several Indiana governmental agencies are working closely with both national and regional public health partners to respond to this threat.

If you or your child have traveled to China, Japan, or Italy within the last 21 days please seek and follow medical advice and monitor your health condition. We also know Spring Break vacation season is in two weeks. There are currently 33 states with confirmed cases. If you travel out of state, please monitor any symptoms as you return to Indiana.

Outbreaks like this are always troublesome. Some parents and students might be worried about this virus and how it may impact our schools and communities. Be assured that we are aware of these concerns and our local groups are proactively working together to ensure our schools and community are safe and prepared. The safety of our students and residents is paramount. This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and we will provide updated information as it becomes available.

How can families help?

Our school nurses and staff will be working with students to promote good hygiene and to keep everyone healthy and safe. We are also working with our custodial staff to ensure our schools receive a thorough cleaning every day. Parents are asked for help in reinforcing healthy practices at home with children. The healthy best practices include:

- * Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- * If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- * Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- * Stay home when you are sick.
- * Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- * Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Additional information can be found on the CDC website at the following <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>

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