

Fremont #1 Statement on Coronavirus

Fremont County School District #1 recognizes community members' concerns about the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impact on schools. Our aim is to provide the best, most up-to-date information available, and we will continue to share updates to keep you abreast of strategies, tools, and recommendations related to keeping students healthy. Please know that FCSD#1 communicates and stays in touch with our local and state health departments and we are prepared to work together in the event of an outbreak. Currently, Wyoming does not have any identified Coronavirus cases, but health professionals and public officials are continuing to monitor the situation.

At this time, no antiviral treatment attacks the Coronavirus, and individuals' symptoms are being treated with pain relievers, cough syrup, and other medications. As such, it's a good idea to focus on prevention. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) are developing specific strategies for communities, and based on CDC guidance, Fremont #1 encourages your family to follow the following common-sense strategies for preventing the spread of communicable diseases:

Family Level

Social Distancing When Ill

- Keep children home when they exhibit cold and flu-like symptoms.
- If you are sick, refrain from coming to work if you have cold and flu-like symptoms.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Handwashing and Sanitizing

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with antibacterial soap for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Fremont #1 is also taking steps at the school and district levels to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, and we pledge to do the following:

Classroom/School Level

- Review hand washing techniques with students.
- Provide antibacterial soap or hand sanitizer in classrooms and bathrooms.
- Discourage the sharing of food and drinks.
- Encourage maintenance and classroom staff to use antibacterial products on all high-touch surfaces daily.

District Level

- Provide clear and transparent communication to the community especially around any suspected or confirmed Coronavirus cases.
- Ensure that our school nurses are vigilant in monitoring the student body for symptoms associated with viral infections.
- Coordinate information with local and state health offices.
- Share information and strategies for dealing with the spread of the virus should Fremont #1 be impacted.
- Take action without stigmatizing any students, families, or populations.

Public health officials are not recommending the use of masks or gloves in public settings at this time, and health authorities are not recommending that schools cancel classes at this time either. If classes are ever cancelled or delayed for any reason, the school district will reach out to the public with timely notification.

Finally, please remember that while the Coronavirus news is concerning, there are other respiratory viruses currently circulating in schools. Fever, coughing and difficulty breathing are common symptoms associated with all of them. Therefore, anyone exhibiting these symptoms should not be assumed to have Coronavirus. Please contact your child's principal, school nurse, or the school district office if you have any further questions or concerns about the district's efforts to ensure healthy environments for student learning.