

## Doddridge County Schools Coronavirus (COVID-19) Plan for Schools

Doddridge County Schools Health Services is in daily contact with the Doddridge County Health Department. The Doddridge County Health Department is working collaboratively with WV Bureau for Public Health's Office of Disease Control and Prevention. Their information is updated hourly from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are several different types of coronaviruses, some of which have been around for years. These are referred to as the Common Coronaviruses and usually cause symptoms similar to the common cold. Many of us have had common coronaviruses in the past and assumed we had the common cold, treated it as such, and recovered in a week or two.

The Coronavirus that started in China in December is referred to as the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Working closely with Doddridge County Health Department, this is currently our plan for dealing with COVID-19 should it reach the West Virginia area.

- We will use the same precautions that we have used for the regular flu and other virus protection. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of desks, computer keyboards, doorknobs, water fountains and other frequently touched surfaces within the schools.
- Thorough handwashing for at least 20 seconds before meals, after using the restrooms and whenever hands are visibly dirty.
- Educating students (and staff) to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cough Etiquette. Always cover cough or sneeze, with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If tissues aren't available, cough into the inside of the elbow.
- Hand sanitizer, with 60%-90% alcohol, may be used only when soap and water is not available.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick with flu-like symptoms. Those who display these symptoms should go home and remain home until all symptoms are gone for at least 24 hours.
- If a student or school employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, they must stay home for the recommended 14-day period that they are considered to be contagious. The suspected case should be immediately reported to the school nurse and/or the Doddridge County Schools Health Services. The diagnosis will be confirmed with Doddridge County Health Department. COVID-19 is an immediately reportable disease.
- If there is a positive diagnosis, parents will need to call the school. Parents will also have to provide documentation when the student is cleared to return.
- If a student or employee has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, that school or office building will receive a thorough cleaning as recommended by the CDC.
- In the event of school closure, due to COVID-19, teachers will utilize and post work for students on Doddridge County Schools website ([dcschools.us](http://dcschools.us)).

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