



San Antonio Independent School District

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Dear SAISD Families,

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority, and we want to share important information and resources regarding the new respiratory illness COVID-19 and keeping children healthy through simple and effective steps. While a new illness can cause concern, it is important to note that health officials believe the risk to our school community is low.

At the same time, we are aware of the recent call for schools to be prepared, and we want to reassure you we are in regular communication with the city’s Metropolitan Health District who, in turn, receives regular updates from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Health officials are recommending families take the same steps to protect against COVID-19 as they do to prevent the common cold or flu.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Help young children wash their hands well
- Do not drop off a sick child at school
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Districtwide, we are following the CDC’s National Pandemic Influenza Plan, which includes the steps listed above, as well as frequently cleaning high-touch surfaces using approved hospital-grade virucidal cleaners.

Our teachers, school nurses, and staff are working carefully to encourage these simple and effective habits. When there are respiratory or gastrointestinal outbreaks, SAISD school nurses and school leaders will use the existing illness outbreak processes to track illnesses, notify health department officials, disinfect schools, and notify staff and parents.

Although the risk is low, please know we will continue to monitor this situation closely and report any updates to our SAISD families. We also will be posting updates to the District’s home page.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez
Superintendent

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