



Frequently Asked Questions

Danville Independent School Illness Prevention

In order to promote transparency and better inform Danville stakeholders our district creates FAQs regarding topics that are of interest to the community, parents, students, and staff. Please see our website for additional FAQs on other topics.

1. How long should I keep my sick child home from school?

It depends on the illness, so always check with your provider, or call your school nurse.

Students need to be fever free (less than 100.4) or signs of a fever (chills, feeling very warm, flushed appearance, or sweating) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine before returning to class.

If your student has been diagnosed with the flu, strep, pink eye or any other contagious illness, stay home until you are fever free. If they are on medication, they may come back 24 hours after beginning antibiotics. Please follow your healthcare provider's guidelines for coming back to school for other contagious childhood illnesses.

If your student vomits or has diarrhea more than twice in a 24 hour period, they may come back after the symptoms subside for 24 hours if there is no fever.

2. What does it mean to 'clean' in reference to preventing the spread of illness

- Wash surfaces with soapy water, rinse and dry.
- Sanitize surfaces that are used daily and wash toys in the dishwasher
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water
 - After you go to the bathroom
 - After you play
 - Before and after you eat
- Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

3. The coronavirus has entered the U.S., what is it?

The 2019 novel coronavirus infection, also known as COVID-19, is a respiratory infection caused by a new virus that was identified in late 2019.



4. How do I protect myself and my child from the coronavirus?

The best way to protect yourself from coronavirus is similar to how you'd take precautions against the cold or flu.

Please continue to follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines on the best ways to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus and tell your children to do the same. COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that can spread easily from person to person. It is important to take all the same precautions you would for influenza:

- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds at a time
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth
- Do not share personal items such as drinks and food
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when sneezing or coughing
- Regularly clean areas and items with frequent hand contact
- Do not send children to school if they are sick
- Keep sick children home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, **without** using fever-reducing medications.

5. How is the DISD preventing the spread of illnesses like the flu and coronavirus?

We are ensuring that our school nurses are vigilant in monitoring the student body and working closely with the Boyle County Health Department to receive regular updates regarding the coronavirus.

Our district has detailed plans to help students, staff, and families stay healthy including increasing the frequency of cleaning all common area surfaces, instituting additional disinfection of buses, and reminding students of hand hygiene and proper cough etiquette.

One aspect of routine disinfecting involves using an electric powered pump that sprays a mist of disinfectant in the school facilities when students are not present. This tool allows us to efficiently disinfect every school and bus in the district in a matter of a few hours. While disinfecting is something we do regularly, as a result of this new concern, we are now using this tool daily in every room and bus.



Another common practice in our classrooms is the use of disinfectant wipes by staff to wipe down all commonly used surfaces. Because of this concern, we have increased our supply of disinfectant wipes to all school facilities in order to increase the frequency of wiping down surfaces, including light switches, keyboards, and door knobs. In addition to increasing the quantity and access to wipes, we have also purchased extra hand sanitizer and other cleaning and disinfecting supplies.

6. Where can I find continuously updated information on COVID-19?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

kycovid19.ky.gov

<https://boylecountyhealthdept.com/covid-19-information-on-coronavirus/>