



# Deweyville Independent School District

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Deweyville ISD is working closely with the TEA, our local health department, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **These health officials believe the risk to our school community is low at this time.**

Updated information from the CDC on coronavirus in the United States can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. The most recent information about coronavirus in Texas may be found at: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

Based on the current information, health officials are recommending local communities and schools should take the same steps to protect against coronavirus as we take to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or flu:

- 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 mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

In addition, we will be making the following changes beginning Monday, March 16, 2020:

**The district will, for now, remain open. The decision to send your child to school shall be treated as a parent decision. Absences for reasons relating to the Corona Virus will be excused upon receipt of notification from the parent.**

**Students will not be penalized for missing school due to Corona Virus.**

**We ask that if you or your student has a fever, that you do not bring your student to school.**

**Employees running fever are ordered to stay home. This is not optional.**

**Students residing in the same household as elderly family members or family members with weak or compromised immune systems are strongly encouraged to stay home.**

**Employees who are in high risk categories need to visit with me to talk about options.**

The ISD will be creating a COVID-19 resources page on the district website, and we will add a link to contact us specifically for COVID-19 related concerns. We conference with the TEA and CDC daily. The decision of when to close schools is part of a coordinated, nationwide effort to slow the spread of the virus and there is a specific protocol for knowing when it is our time to do so. We are not making these decisions in isolation. We are acting based on data and the guidance of the most knowledgeable experts in the nation. We will provide additional information as we get it.

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