

## Prevention of Communicable Disease

- 1. CFISD is closely monitoring events concerning <u>COVID-19</u>, <u>Flu season</u>, and other contagious diseases and will consider the <u>Center for Disease Control (CDC)</u> and <u>Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services</u> (<u>HCPHES</u>) recommendations regarding communicable disease protocols.
- 2. **CFISD specific measures** to ensure a safe learning environment for students are as follows:
  - a. CFISD staff will continue to educate students, staff and community members about the importance of <u>frequent hand washing</u>; <u>covering a cough or sneeze</u>; not touching one's eyes, nose and mouth; <u>staying home when sick</u>; and other measures to prevent the spread of all communicable disease.
  - b. Campuses are routinely disinfected with <u>QUAT 256</u> cleaner which meets CDC recommendations as a hospital grade disinfectant effective against multiple disease-causing viruses and bacteria.
  - c. School staff will monitor students for symptoms and refer students to the school nurse for assessment as appropriate.
  - d. School nurses will exclude students from school attendance according to <u>guidelines</u> from the Department of State Health Services, including but not limited to:
    - Fever greater than 100° F until the student is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication;
    - Persistent nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea; and
    - Symptoms of a contagious illness until symptoms resolve or the student has been evaluated/released by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.
  - e. Campuses will partner with Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) for appropriate response to any suspected case of a <u>reportable condition</u>.
- 3. Parents/Guardians/ Community Members can help by:
  - a. Keeping sick students at home until symptoms resolve, getting medical care when necessary, and reinforcing frequent hand washing and cough/sneeze etiquette;
  - b. Postponing campus visits for lunch or volunteering if actively ill to prevent the spread of illness; and
  - c. Obtaining <u>CDC recommended vaccinations</u> as appropriate.
- 4. Please consult the Health Services office, <u>Texas DSHS</u> or <u>HCPHES</u> for any further questions regarding local communicable disease control measures.

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