



## Prevention of Communicable Disease

1. CFISD is closely monitoring events concerning [Flu season](#) and other contagious diseases and will follow the [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and [Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services \(HCPHES\)](#) 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 our students, staff and community members about the importance of [frequent hand washing](#); [covering a cough or sneeze](#); not touching one's eyes, nose and mouth; [staying home when sick](#); and other measures to prevent the spread of all communicable disease.
  - b. Campuses are routinely disinfected with [QUAT 256](#) cleaner which meets CDC recommendations and is 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 [guidelines](#) 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 screen students' health history and partner with Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) for appropriate response to any suspected case of a [reportable condition](#).
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. Considering [CDC recommended vaccinations](#) as appropriate.
4. Please consult the Health Services office, [Texas DSHS](#) or [HCPHES](#) for any further questions regarding local communicable disease control measures.

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