

M^{USD 263}ulvane

Public Schools

Dr. Jay Ensley, Superintendent

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Dear Mulvane Wildcat Family,

Mulvane Schools - USD 263 very seriously considers the health of its students and employees as a priority. In response to the recent emergence of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), district leaders, school administrators, school nurses, and custodians are working together in the best interest of the health of students and employees. As needed, we are in contact with the [Sedgwick County Health Department](#), [Kansas Department of Health and Environment](#) (KDHE), [Kansas State Department of Education](#) (KSDE), and other public health and educational agencies to make the best decisions possible for schools in the event of any issue. In an effort to continue to stay vigilant during the remainder of cold and flu season and in light of the rapidly developing COVID-19 situation, we communicate the following reminders and updates:

- The district is taking action steps of cleaning and disinfecting to keep our schools, students, and employees healthy.
 - The best way to prevent the spread of any disease is to wash your hands often, cough/sneeze into your elbow, sleeve, or tissue, and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - These measures also include educating our school community, encouraging routine handwashing with soap, discouraging the sharing of food, and monitoring attendance and illness patterns.
 - The district diligently uses the Virex disinfectant for surfaces and door handles throughout the schools. An emphasis is being placed on classrooms, nurse's offices, buses, and locker rooms, to keep them clean and sanitized.
- If the district receives notice of a confirmed case involving a student or staff member, leaders will communicate that with parents via e-mail.
- [Please click here to access the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) of COVID-19 webpage](#). Also, here is a link on [stopping the spread of respiratory diseases](#).
- We ask and encourage families and parents to adhere to district policies. As mentioned in the [2019-20 District Family Handbook](#): "Absence Due to Illness: *So that we will know what illnesses we have in our classrooms and what symptoms to look for in other students, please notify our health rooms when your child is ill, stating the nature of the illness. Children with fevers should not return to school until fever is gone for 24 hours without the aid of medication.*"

As always, any parent or guardian of a Mulvane USD 263 student has the authority to keep their child(ren) home if a concern exists regarding the child's health and/or safety.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jay Ensley

Superintendent of Schools
Mulvane – USD 263