



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear YCSD families,

We recognize that the national news coverage of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) raises questions and concerns for our community. A coronavirus is typically spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu and other respiratory viruses. Symptoms are thought to appear within 2 to 14 days after exposure and consists of fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

York County School Division administrators and staff have been closely monitoring this developing situation. While there are no confirmed cases in Virginia at this time, I wanted to update you on our efforts regarding the health and safety of students and staff.

The division has pandemic plans in place that are reviewed and updated annually. We have established a collaboration team to work closely with the Virginia Health Department (VDH) and county leaders to respond to any specific guidance received by local or national health officials. Additionally, YCSD has provided prevention reminders to school administrators to help ensure a healthy school environment, particularly since this is still flu season.

YCSD will continue to follow CDC recommendations to prevent any infection of a respiratory virus, including:

- wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- stay home when sick;
- cough or sneeze into an elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash; and
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The division [website](#) will be updated regularly as we receive resource information from state and local agencies. We will share direct updates with families as needed. If you have specific questions regarding COVID-19, you can share those questions through the [askYCSD](#) email account.

Resources

- [CDC Coronavirus Website](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Fact Sheet](#)
- [VDH Coronavirus Website](#)

Sincerely,

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