

# School Administrator

## Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Advisory

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### Overview

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) is in constant communication with the Florida Department of Health regarding the spread of COVID-19. As of February 27, 2020, **Florida has no confirmed cases of the disease.** This means there is a very low risk of contracting COVID-19 at this time.

OCPS is taking the threat of a COVID-19 outbreak seriously and is dedicated to ensuring proper protocols are in place to protect our staff and students. The district's current cleaning products are proven effective against the Coronavirus (the virus that causes COVID-19). When respiratory or gastrointestinal outbreaks occur, schools are disinfected. If one of your students exhibits any of the symptoms listed below, it is advised that they stay home as this will benefit the overall health and wellness of your other students and staff.

### What is the Coronavirus?

- A virus that causes diseases of varying severities, ranging from the common cold to serious respiratory disease

### How does it spread?

- Between people who are in close contact (within 6 feet)
- Cough or sneeze droplets
- Touching your eyes, nose, or face with hands after touching an object containing the virus

### What are the symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Severe illness

### How do you protect yourself?

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, scrub thoroughly under nails and between fingers, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol

### Where can students, parents, and staff find additional information about COVID-19?

COVID-19 is a new disease and information regarding its spread and appropriate protective measure continues to evolve. The CDC and The Florida Department of Health are your best source of information about the disease.

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\) COVID-19 Information](#)

[Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Information](#)