

This is an update from the Hall County School District regarding the coronavirus.

The Hall County School District does NOT have a confirmed case of coronavirus in our schools. In the event that a student or team member are diagnosed, the district will notify parents and stakeholders and then provide next steps with regard to protecting students and continuing with their education. Our hearts go out to the families and communities across the globe who have been impacted by the virus.

Because we share the concerns of our community regarding the virus and its possible spread, the district has been following the information and guidance provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Georgia Department of Public Health.

We are closely monitoring the health, attendance, and travel of all students and staff. Additionally, our custodial and transportation team members are working hard to routinely clean surfaces in our schools and on our buses.

At this time, the Hall County School District is not canceling school activities or functions, including extracurricular activities. No local field trips have been cancelled; however, we are looking closely at those destinations and will make a determination on each one based on current information provided by the department of health. As always, student participation for field trips or extracurricular activities is an individual family's decision and a parent may choose to opt out at any time. Please contact your school's principal if you have questions regarding upcoming field trips.

We continue to communicate to students and team members the importance of following universal precautions with regard to limiting the spread of viruses and illnesses. We ask for your help in reinforcing these at home:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you become sick, see a doctor and do not come to school or work.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover it, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces.

The coronavirus situation continues to evolve. The Hall County School district will monitor the situation locally, state-wide, nationally, and globally on a daily basis, drawing on all available resources, in order to protect the health of students, team members, and the Hall County community. Any changes to our protocols will be shared with our stakeholders through our Coronavirus Web Page and through Infinite Campus.

We thank you for your patience and support during this challenge, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work with our community's most precious resource—our young people.