



CARROLL COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Parents,

The health and safety of our students and school staffs is our highest priority. Your school recently sent home information regarding the Enterovirus D68 and below we have listed information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to protect your child during the cold and flu season. We have also listed protocols your school will follow so that we can help keep kids healthy. In addition, due to the ongoing outbreak of the Ebola virus disease in several countries in West Africa, we are including information on our website we received from the CDC regarding this disease. We hope this will dispel misinformation and ease any angst you may have regarding this virus. Please know that we will continue to follow guidelines as distributed by the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Georgia Department of Education to assist us in our efforts as we continue to keep our community safe and informed.

- The single best way to protect your children from the flu is to get them vaccinated each year.
- Keep your child away from people who are sick, as much as you can.
- Teach children to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze – throw the tissue away after use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If you are not near water, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs often spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially when someone is ill.
- If your child does get the flu, avoid contact with other people.
- Children who have the flu should stay home from school while they have symptoms and for 24 hours after the symptoms clear up.

Your school will work to keep your child well. Students/staff with temp >100.4 , must go home and will be separated from other students until pick up. Students should not return to school until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. If on antibiotics, they should have 24 hours worth of medication before returning to school. Students vomiting will also be sent home. Faculty/staff have been trained on the need to use good hand washing with soap and water as much as possible for themselves as well as their students. Hand sanitizer is available if soap and water are not an alternative. In addition, flyers, such as “Cover Your Cough” and “Infection Control Measures” will be posted for public view.

As always, it is our intention to provide a premier education to your child and that includes helping keep your child safe, happy and healthy. District personnel will continue to monitor health issues very closely. We are prepared to adjust our procedures to reflect new information from public health officials and to ensure that we are taking all proper measures to protect our students and communities. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal.