

Lewis County School Nursing Services

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Plan for Lewis County Schools 2020

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Lewis County School Nursing Services is in daily contact with the Lewis County Health Department. The Lewis County Health Department is working collaboratively with the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health's Office of Disease Control and Prevention. The WVBPB's information is updated hourly from the Federal Center for Diseases Control and Prevention. The Coronavirus that was first identified in China in December is referred to as Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We all have an important role in slowing the spread of disease to help ensure students have safe and healthy learning environments. Lewis County Schools working closely with the Lewis County Health Department has developed the following plan for dealing with COVID-19.

1. Continued regular cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces daily such as counter tops, doorknobs, toilets, bathroom fixtures with an emphasis on desks, computer keyboards, water fountains and other frequently used surfaces within the schools.
2. Education and promotion of good hand hygiene. Please educate and encourage your student to wash their hands before meals, after using the restroom, coughing, sneezing or if hands are visibly soiled.
3. Use of hand sanitizer with 60% or greater alcohol, may be used only when soap and water are not available.
4. If a student or school employee is diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) they MUST STAY HOME for the recommended 14-day period that they are considered to be contagious.
5. Suspected cases of COVID-19 should be immediately reported to your local health department and your school nurse.
 - a. If there is a positive diagnosis parents/guardian will need to call the school nurse.
 - b. **Parents/guardians will need to provide documentation of the diagnosis as well as documentation when the student is cleared to return to school.**
 - c. **PRIVACY:** In such a circumstance, it is critical to maintain confidentiality of the student or staff member as is required by the Rights and Privacy Act.
6. If a student or employee has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, that school or office building will be closed for thorough cleaning. The duration of days will be made on a case-by-case basis based on the most up-to-date information from the CDC and State Board of Education.
 - a. The cleaning process that will be used is the one recommended by the CDC.
7. If a student or employee has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, all extra-curricular activities for that school will be cancelled if a school is closed.
8. The district will implement the Snow Packet days, which were given to the students at the beginning of the year and can be found digitally on Schoology and/or the school website.

Parents/Guardians it is crucial that your contact information as well as authorized pick persons be up to date with your student's school. Please make advanced arrangement for child care, if you are called to pick up your student due to illness, someone MUST be able to come pick them up.