

# Bruceville-Eddy ISD

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Dear BEISD Parents and Staff,

As you know, the Center for Disease Control has recently shared information about the concerns for public health within the United States due to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). Although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) consider this new Coronavirus to be a serious public health threat, **it considers the immediate risk to the American public to be low.**

To be clear, **there have been no reported cases in the Waco or Temple areas or in the Bruceville-Eddy Community,** but I think it is important for us to share with you what BEISD is currently doing.

Here are some of the preemptive measures we are currently taking to help control the spread of flu and other potential viruses:

Our school nurses and clinic staff follow guidelines set by the Texas Department of State Health Services to protect our children from communicable illnesses.

Additionally, our nurses are closely monitoring updates by the CDC regarding viruses such as the flu and the novel coronavirus.

Our custodians are ensuring all classroom and facility surfaces are disinfected daily.

We will continue monitoring recommendations by the CDC and local health departments and implement additional measures as we learn more. In the meantime, you can learn more about the novel coronavirus at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

The flu remains a more immediate concern, and you can learn more about the flu at

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf>

As we currently are in the midst of the traditional flu season, many campus practices to safeguard the health of students, faculty, and staff are already in place. BEISD encourages all members of our community to take standard precautions to prevent the spread of viruses. This includes:

- Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Frequently cleaning touch surfaces and objects;
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Staying home when ill;
- Covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throwing it in the trash;
- And, receiving this year's flu vaccine.

As always, please do not send children to school with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea.

For the latest updates on the Coronavirus or Influenza, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#) website.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's school nurse or the campus front office. Thank you for your assistance in helping to maintain a healthy school environment.

Sincerely,  
Richard Kilgore, Superintendent  
Bruceville-Eddy ISD