

# ***Covid-19***

## ***At-School Health & Hygiene Protocol***

### **Why is Coronavirus COVID-19 causing such concern?**

- It is carried for a longer-than-usual time without symptoms and is contagious during that time.
- Initial symptoms are mild and are much like any minor seasonal cold.
- It can be much more serious and the illness can last much longer than a typical cold or flu.
- We have many school family members who are in a higher at-risk category for suffering this illness more severely.
- Limiting social interactions and public contact can slow the spread and keep too many from being infected at once and overwhelming the health care system.

***Please stay at home if your child or children are having any symptoms and consider getting evaluated at a clinic before coming to school. Symptoms can be fever, cough and shortness of breath.***

**Please talk to your child or children about following these conscientious steps when coming to school:**

- If possible, send a personal hand sanitizer container.
- Avoid touching your face without using sanitizer.

- Please wash your hands when in the bathroom, after recess and before lunch for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. Use a paper towel for the door handle when leaving the bathroom.

### **Will we close school or cancel events?**

- If the Anoka-Hennepin School District 11 closes school in order to help contain a public outbreak, we will also close.
- If the Minnesota Conference gives any special instructions regarding school and other events, we will follow those.

***If you have any concerns about your child attending school at this time because you or a child are in a higher risk category—such as a compromised immune system—please talk to Mrs. Syvertson about alternatives until your health condition changes or the community health situation becomes more stable.***

### **What You Should Know About the Coronavirus**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>