

CEDAR CHAPEL SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Cedar Chapel Special School was notified that individuals at the school are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-like illness. COVID-19-like illness is defined as any one (1) of the following: cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell OR at least two (2) of the following: fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, chills or shaking chills, headache, fatigue, muscle aches, diarrhea, congestion or runny nose.

In light of this information, we have made this decision to transition 2 classrooms to distance learning until February 26, out of an abundance of caution for the special population of students in our care. We will be communicating directly with those affected regarding their next steps should the individual receive a positive COVID-19 test result or a diagnosis other than COVID-19.

I want to reassure you that because of our commitment to physical distancing and wearing face coverings, your child was not exposed while on school property unless you were otherwise notified. We have not received any reports of other students outside of this classroom or staff members experiencing illnesses with symptoms resembling those of coronavirus, but as always, we ask that you notify us if your child develops any symptoms.

COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we continue to urge everyone to take the following preventive measures:

- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for about 20 seconds. Be sure to also wash your fingertips.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.

The symptoms of coronavirus are similar to the regular seasonal influenza and include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. Some people with coronavirus have reported additional symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, nausea, lethargy, lack of appetite, vomiting, and diarrhea.

If your child becomes sick with fever, cough or has difficulty breathing, contact your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, contact your local health department. Follow these steps:

- Call your health care provider, local health department or emergency room before you go;
- Tell them about symptoms, any recent travel and close contacts (such as people in your household); and
- Wear a mask.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation, and we will continue to keep in contact with the affected class.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Belinda Gulyas
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