

Dear Parents;

In light of the recent coverage of the Ebola virus cases and Enterovirus D68 cases, please know there is currently no reason to believe that the situation presents a health concern to Celina ISD students or staff members. The District is in close contact with health authorities and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of Celina ISD policies and procedures that are in place to assist in keeping our students health and safety at the forefront and to prevent the spread of illness within our schools.

- We isolate students who exhibit symptoms of illness. Parents of ill students are called immediately to apprise them of the situation and to confirm dismissal procedures for these students.
- Students with a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit must be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications before returning to their respective campuses. (Texas Administrative Code)
- Students with diarrheal illnesses must be free of all episodes for 24 hours without diarrhea-suppressing medications before returning to their respective campuses. (Texas Administrative Code)
- Students with two or more episodes of vomiting within a 24-hour period are advised to stay home until they are able to tolerate 1 or 2 meals without exhibiting vomiting before returning to their respective campuses.
- Students who exhibit any flu type symptoms (fever, chills, sore throat, headache, body aches) should stay at home until they are free of all symptoms without medications.

Celina ISD schools use a combination of education and custodial practices to reduce the risk of spreading germs on a daily basis, especially as we enter the flu season. School nurses and physical education teachers educate and encourage students and staff to use hand washing, hand sanitizers, proper cough etiquette and maintain healthy practices. At the same time, our custodial staff works diligently to sanitize surfaces that students and staff may come in contact with.

Please be assured that Celina ISD will communicate any guidelines or precautions recommended by the local health departments that need to be taken in the event of a public health issue. The Centers for Disease Control website has extensive information regarding the Ebola virus. You will find this additional information at www.cdc.gov.

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