



## School District of New London

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Dear Staff and Families:

The School District of New London values the health and well-being of our students, staff and families. We work throughout the year to promote healthy schools. Safety is always our priority.

As the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) share more information about COVID-19, or the coronavirus, we want you to know that we are regularly in contact with the Waupaca, Outagamie and Winnebago County Health Departments. Our school nurse and school health services staff work alongside school administrators to plan and respond to emerging communicable disease concerns following the guidance of the public health department and CDC recommendations.

Schools are being encouraged to update their pandemic plans given that the CDC is recommending Americans prepare for the likely spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The School District of New London is reviewing its plan.

A continued theme from public health officials is that it is currently flu and respiratory disease season and getting vaccinated for influenza, taking [everyday preventive actions](#) to stop the spread of germs, and taking flu antivirals if prescribed is recommended. CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Help your students to wash their hands well
- Do not drop off your sick child at school
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Links below to the Centers for Disease Control information about COVID-19:

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

Links to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services information about COVID-19:

- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

Link to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction webpage:

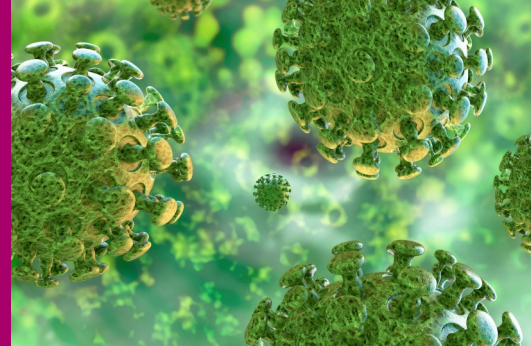
- <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving and changing. We understand there is uncertainty involved in this situation. We plan to keep you informed as needed. We encourage you to contact our district school nurse or local public health department if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Scott Bleck, District Administrator

# 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV)



**2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus strain that began spreading in people in December 2019. Health experts are concerned because little is known about this new virus, and it has the potential to cause severe illness and pneumonia in some people.**



## How is it spread?

- ▶ People with the novel coronavirus can spread it to others when they cough or sneeze. The virus is found in droplets from the throat and nose. When someone coughs or sneezes, other people near them can breathe in those droplets.
- ▶ The virus can also spread when someone touches an object with the virus on it. If that person then uses their hands to touch their face, mouth, or eyes, the virus can make them sick.



## What are the signs and symptoms?

- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Cough
- ▶ Shortness of breath



## How can it be prevented?

- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if you do not have soap and water.
- ▶ Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, and then throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- ▶ Do not have close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are feeling sick.
- ▶ Clean and disinfect surfaces thoroughly.



## What should I do if I have symptoms?

### Call your doctor if:

- ▶ You have been to China in the past two weeks or have had close contact with someone who has a confirmed novel coronavirus infection.

**AND**

- ▶ You have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath.



# Respiratory Illnesses:

Protect yourself and those around you.

## Wash your hands.

Use hand sanitizer if you don't have soap and water.



**Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.**

**Stay home when you are sick.**



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