

Guthrie CSD Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

What is the Coronavirus or COVID-19 virus?

The Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
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How is the COVID-19 virus spread? What can I do to prevent being infected or spreading the virus?

COVID-19 is an infectious respiratory disease, which is spread from person to person through droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The best actions to take to avoid infection include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw away the tissue.
 - If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve (not your hands).
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
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What is the district doing to protect students and staff?

Guthrie CSD is following the guidance of health authorities, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and government officials, who are working closely with the CDC and health care providers to prepare for and respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation. We will continue monitoring the situation as changes develop and make decisions in the best interest of the health and well being of our entire Guthrie school community. We will also continue ensuring our classrooms and other school facilities are frequently cleaned and disinfected to provide the safest environment for the health of our Guthrie family. If any students or Guthrie CSD employees exhibit symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19, we will respond in accordance with the guidance of the TEA and the State Department of Health Services.

What are some other sources of information and updates?

The following resources are available to help the public stay informed about COVID-19.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.cdc.gov/COVID19
 - Texas Department of State Health Services – www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/
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Will Guthrie CSD close as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

School closures are one of several options available to district leadership to control the spread of COVID-19 if recommended by the CDC or other health authorities. Currently, we do not believe there is a need to extend our spring break or close the school. School-aged children are not identified as more susceptible to COVID-19 or identified as an at-risk population. **Classes will resume as regularly scheduled on Monday, March 16.** We will continue to monitor the progress of the illness and communicate with parents and staff on an ongoing basis as any changes may develop.