

SJSD staff,

We wanted to let you know that the St. Joseph School District is closely monitoring information regarding the global spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). While there are currently no known cases of the virus in the state of Missouri, we are proactively working with our local health agencies and monitoring CDC guidance for regular updates related to the virus and exposure in the U.S. and Missouri.

In the meantime, we urge all families to continue to maintain healthy habits as we do during any cold and flu season. Steps you can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold will also help prevent coronavirus:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- If not available, use hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home while you are sick
- Avoid close contact with others
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing

The District will continue to work with our partners at the Buchanan County Health Department as they monitor and manage the current situation with both the flu and novel coronavirus. Please view this information from the [Missouri Department of Health and Human Services](#), as well as details on [what schools should know about Coronavirus](#).

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 - CDC INFORMATION

We will provide updates on important information as necessary and update our district website with any additional details. Questions and concerns can be directed to Maria Burnham, coordinator of nursing services, in the district's Health Services Department at 816-671-4000.

Please be assured that our staff will continue to keep an eye on illness in our schools, as is our standard practice. If we receive any word of a case in our area or our schools or if we receive any guidance from county, state or federal health professionals, we will certainly share that with our staff, students and parents.

Thanks,
Dr. Doug Van Zyl
SJSD Superintendent