



# Iredell - Statesville Schools

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## Coronavirus Update from Iredell-Statesville Schools

North Carolina does not have a confirmed case of the coronavirus in the state. At this time, the risk of coronavirus in North Carolina remains low. Currently, the flu is a much greater threat to the health of North Carolinians. As a result of heightening concern in our community, as well as recent statements from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization, the Iredell-Statesville Schools finds it important to update our families on this topic as it relates to our school campuses.

I-SS administration met on Friday, February 28 to discuss current policy and strategies to limit exposure to the coronavirus. Schools across Iredell County will follow CDC recommendations to prevent the spread of infection. These recommendations include:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into the elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If your child shows signs of illness, including fever and/or respiratory symptoms, please do not bring your child to school. If you are concerned about an abundance of absences, please contact your child's principal. We will work with families until they are well and ready to return to school. If you are planning to travel outside the country, please let your child's school know. The Iredell County Health Department asks that you report any international travel that is followed by fever or respiratory symptoms to your primary care provider.

The I-SS custodial department has a hospital grade disinfectant that is used district wide to routinely clean surfaces, including but not limited to door handles, water fountains, furniture and other areas of the school that require attention. Using an overabundance of caution, custodians throughout the district will increase the cleaning of surfaces and high traffic areas. Additionally, we are reinstituting practices that we have used during previous situations, such as the H1N1 (Swine Flu) pandemic in 2009.





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It is the desire of district administration to keep you informed about the coronavirus. Should further precautions need to be taken, we will report them to you immediately. Until that time, please feel free to visit the following websites to learn more on this topic.

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)

<https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/diseases/2019nCoV.html>

If you have questions or concerns, call the COVID-19 Helpline toll free at 1-866-462-3821. To submit questions online, go to [www.ncpoisoncontrol.org](http://www.ncpoisoncontrol.org) and select "chat."

