



# LATTA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear parent/guardian:

This is a preventative notification regarding information to the possible chance that our community may eventually be infected with the Enterovirus-68 strain. Let me make this clear that we have no knowledge of anyone in our community that has been infected, but we are taking a pro-active position to alert you about warning signs, symptoms and common sense methods to prevent spread of the virus. If we become aware that a case in school arises, we will alert you to such to be extra cautious with preventative methods. Some general health tips for parents are below.

1. Parents should not worry about runny noses and sniffles as this is quickly becoming the season for such. However, parents should seek immediate medical attention for a child exhibiting normal cold symptoms that also include difficulty in breathing. This is especially important if your child has preexisting respiratory conditions.
2. Parents should constantly remind children at home and when at school to wash hands at appropriate times with soap and water for 20 seconds.
3. Children should be encouraged to remember to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Children should be reminded to avoid kissing, hugging and sharing cups, drinks, eating utensils and food with people that are sick.
5. Children should be shown or reminded proper sanitary ways to cover their coughs, sneezes, etc. and how to properly clean or disinfect themselves and dispose of tissue when they do such.
6. Parents should caution children that bathrooms are not areas to play or explore or touch anything unnecessary.
7. Parents should disinfect frequently any touched surfaces by someone that is sick.
8. Children should be kept home when they are feeling sick and monitored closely for increased symptoms.
9. If your child is diagnosed with Enterovirus-68, please contact the school nurse as soon as possible so school officials can take appropriate action. You or your child's identity will remain confidential.

Please rest assured that school officials are doing all that is possible to clean, disinfect and maintain all school areas on a daily basis to ensure your child is in a disease free environment. If you have any questions or further need of assistance, please contact your school nurse or medical provider. Thank you for your patience and support as we begin to endure another flu and virus season.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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