

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Student Safety

As you know, the nature and scope of the Coronavirus is changing almost hourly. As it does, we at Bradley County Schools and Cleveland City Schools have the health and safety of children as our top priority, and we work daily with the top health professionals in the field to make sure we are following recommended procedures regarding the coronavirus in our schools. The districts work with the local Emergency Management Agency, Bradley County Health Department, the Tennessee Department of Health, and the CDC to remain alert to the latest information to keep our children and staff healthy.

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## District Leadership

Each district's Leadership Team collaborates daily to monitor the latest coronavirus updates and plan for future scenarios and responses from the school district. This site will provide you with an update on precautionary steps we are taking in our school systems in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19.) *Please check this site for updates.*

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## Student Attendance

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our staff and students. Many families have expressed concern about student absences, and we will support students in the area of leniency regarding absenteeism from classes and extracurricular activities for illness and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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# Employee Attendance

Normal work attendance policies remain in effect. Employees who are sick are encouraged to stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. Employees that have traveled should refer to recent travel guidelines.

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## Regarding Recent Travel of Students and Employees

### **Travel to Countries with Level 3 Travel Advisory:**

Employees and students should inform their building administrator **before** returning to the buildings *via* phone, if anyone in their household has traveled to areas outside of the United States with travel advisories or travel health notices for COVID-19 (China, Italy, Europe, South Korea and Iran) within the previous 14 days as recommended by the CDC. The CDC indicates a 14-day quarantine is advised and should be coordinated through building-level supervisors.

### **Travel within the United States:**

If you traveled extensively within the United States within the past 14 days, please inform your building administrator and work with your school nurse regarding any symptoms that may arise. If any symptoms arise, please do not return to school until fever-free for 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication.

Symptoms of the COVID-19 include:

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of Breath
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## ***Enrolling a New Student***

During this time, students that need to enroll in our school district should contact their local school. ***Please call ahead*** and work with the building administrators to complete this process.

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## ***Continued Learning Plan***

Our school district is working on contingency plans for continued learning should the need arise. We are currently developing alternative instructional deliveries should the districts be closed for an extended period of time. If the need arises, we will update as individual school districts.

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## ***Health Experts Suggestions***

Health officials recommend everyday preventative actions to help halt the spread of respiratory diseases. The school district is reinforcing these measures at school, and we know you are helping us with this at home.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Stay home when you or your child are sick. A fever must be absent for 24-hours with no fever-reducing medication before returning to school.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, use your elbow and not your hands to cover the sneeze or cough.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
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***The district will continue to monitor the situation and adhere to the direction of our professional health partners.***

**For regional updates on COVID-19:**

- [The CDC - Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [Tennessee Department of Health](https://www.tn.gov/health)
- [Tennessee Department of Education- www.tn.gov/edu](https://www.tn.gov/education)

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