

Preparing Schools for Outbreaks of COVID-19

How to prevent the spread of:

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

INFECTION PREVENTION STEPS

- ✔ Wash your **hands often** with soap + water.
- ✔ **Avoid touching** your **eyes, nose + mouth** with unwashed hands.
- ✔ **Cover** your **cough or sneeze** with a tissue, then **throw the tissue** in the trash.
- ✔ **Avoid close contact** with people **who are sick**.
- ✔ **Get a flu shot!**
- ✔ **Clean + disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces** such as counters, door knobs, desks, keyboards, tablets and phones.

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important things we can do to stop the spread of respiratory illnesses like flu and COVID-19.



PROPER HANDWASHING TIPS

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap + warm water.
- Wash for 20-30 seconds or sing "Happy Birthday" two times through.
- Soap and warm water are the best way to clean your hands, but if they aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, that contains at least 60% alcohol.

HOW TO USE HAND SANITIZERS

- Apply the sanitizer to the **palm of one hand** (follow label directions on how much to use).
- **Rub hands together.**
- Rub the sanitizer over **all the surfaces of your hands + fingers** until your hands are dry.

For more information: dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus
cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html



Review, update and implement emergency operations plans.

Communicate with school staff and parents about measures to prevent illness – flu shots, handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, stay home if you're sick.

Monitor and plan for absenteeism – students, faculty and staff. What level of absenteeism will disrupt teaching and learning, as well as ensuring a safe environment for students and staff?

Establish procedures for students and staff who become sick at school or arrive to school sick.

Continue to perform routine environmental cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces, desks, keyboards and tablets.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fspecific-groups%2Fguidance-for-schools.html