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# Coronavirus

## Be Prepared

The outbreak of the coronavirus is spreading, but there are steps you can take to minimize its impact.

## Steps Schools Can Take Now

- 1 Review** your current infection control practices.
- 2 Evaluate** ventilation to make sure that heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems deliver adequate fresh air to classrooms and other school areas.
- 3** Custodial and classroom staff should follow **commonsense** cleaning and disinfection practices, but avoid the overuse of disinfectants that can exacerbate asthma.
- 4 Inform** staff and parents on tips to stay healthy and minimize spread of illness—[see Coronavirus: Staying Healthy](#).
- 5 Check** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for additional updates.

## Reminders

### Symptoms to Look For

#### Fever

**Lower respiratory illness**—  
coughing, difficulty breathing and pneumonia

### If Symptoms Are Present

At school, **identify** sick children and **isolate** them from the general school population. These students should be cared for in a **separate area** until they can be picked up. Keep children with **fever** and **respiratory symptoms** excluded from school until symptoms are **resolved**.

More information is available at  
[www.aft.org/coronavirus](http://www.aft.org/coronavirus) and  
[sharemylesson.com/coronavirus](http://sharemylesson.com/coronavirus)

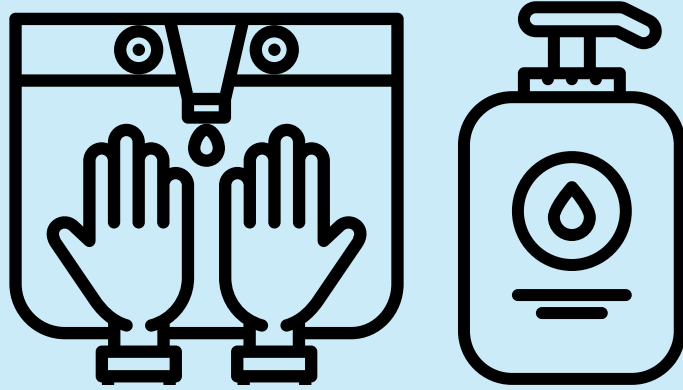


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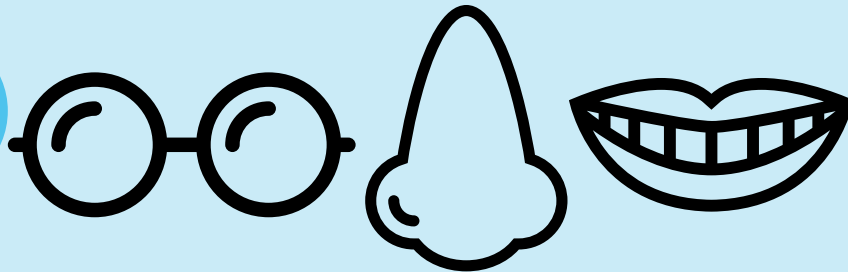
## Staying Healthy

1



**Wash hands with soap and water, or use sanitizer (if soap and water are not available),** especially after visiting the bathroom and before eating.

2



**Avoid touching your face—** especially your eyes, nose and mouth.

3



**Stay home for any respiratory illness,** and consult your healthcare provider.

### Symptoms to Watch For

#### **Fever**

**Lower respiratory illness—** coughing, difficulty breathing and pneumonia

### If Symptoms Are Present

**If children are at school,** they should tell school staff as soon as they don't feel well.

**Keep children home** until symptoms are resolved.

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