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 and 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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