Prevent the Spread of Disease

Prevention is a key strategy for any illness. To protect yourself and take measures to prevent the spread of disease to others. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends these every day:

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- **Stay home** when you are sick. Do not go to work or school. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home.
- **Sneeze or cough** into a tissue or the inside of your elbow then wash or sanitize hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick, especially if you are an older person or someone with a serious underlying health condition.
- **Disinfect frequently** used items and surfaces as much as possible and know how long your disinfectant needs to sit.
- **Get a flu vaccine.**
- **Pick up your child promptly** should they become ill during the school day.

Due to these unusual times, we may be sending students home more frequently for symptoms of illness as caution is necessary to help limit the transmission of COVID-19. **Please have a plan in place to have your student picked up promptly when needed.** In the event of a quarantine, students may work remotely during the required quarantine or isolation time. Principals will coordinate this with the student and teachers.

**COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols**

1. **Stay home if you’re sick!** Students should be screened by a parent/guardian at home each day before entering the school or the bus. (See next page for information.)
2. **Face masks** are required for all Yellow Springs Schools staff and students. (Please see policy 8450.01: Protective Facial Coverings During a Pandemic/Epidemic events.) A face covering is a piece of fabric, cloth or other material that covers the wearer’s nose, mouth and chin simultaneously and is secured to the wearer’s face by elastic, ties or other means.
3. **Social distancing** will be practiced to the greatest extent possible. Hallway travel will be modified to maximize distancing as much as possible. Schedules will be modified to reduce transitions and limit the number of students each person comes in contact with daily.
4. **Frequent hand washing** is encouraged. Hand sanitizer are available throughout the buildings.
5. **Touchless water bottle filling stations** are available in each school building, and students are encouraged to bring water with them each day. The district has also purchased water bottles for each student. Traditional drinking fountains have been disabled.
6. **Enhanced cleaning procedures** have been implemented in our buildings. Cleaning supplies and disinfectants are readily available to clean work spaces.
7. **Alternate spaces are available** in our buildings for students who may be experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms while awaiting parent pick-up.
8. **For suspected/confirmed cases,** Yellow Springs Schools will follow guidance from Greene County Public Health to identify close contacts or need for isolation or self-quarantine. The district will continue to share data about the numbers of confirmed cases and direct exposures on its website each week.

**Travel Advisory:** Limit travel to areas reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases.