



LATEXO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



October 27, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter and the attached information are being sent to you for your information. We have had no documented cases of any of these illnesses at Latexo ISD. We know with all of the media exposure and the arrival of Ebola in Dallas there are concerns growing across the state. We hope that this letter and the accompanying document will help to alleviate your fears and give you some information as to what steps Latexo ISD is taking to ensure the health and well-being of the children in our care.

Please know that while we have had no confirmed cases of either Enterovirus D68, Influenza, or Ebola at Latexo ISD we are taking extra precautions to do everything we can to protect the children in our care. We are using disinfecting bombs in classrooms where illness seems to be concentrated. We disinfect rooms and restrooms daily in our normal cleaning routines. We disinfect keyboards and headsets on a period by period basis. We are investigating the possibility of having our campuses sanitized and how effective that may be in treating these viruses and other illnesses.

Given the seriousness of these illnesses and in order to minimize the chance of transmitting any other viruses or illnesses to other students we must ask for your help. We ask and must insist that the following steps be followed if your child(ren) become ill:

1. Notify the campus office of the illness and the symptoms that accompany the illness. If you receive a medical diagnosis please communicate that to our nurse, Krystal Patterson, or to office personnel who can relay that message to her.
2. Wait until your child is symptom free for 24 hours before they return to school. This means 24 hours since the last time they vomited or had diarrhea, or presented with a fever without taking any fever reducing medication (ie. Tylenol, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, etc.).
3. Make sure your child is washing their hands and using the hand sanitizer that is provided at school.
4. Please help us by having your child cough into their elbow joint area if they cough. Make sure that they use a Kleenex when they have to sneeze or have a runny nose. They will need to dispose of that Kleenex properly when it is used, and wash their hands immediately.
5. Bring a note back with the child when they return to school.

Also, we would like to let you know that we will be hosting a community health screening and shot clinic for flu shots on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at the Wilcox Community Center from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. We will also be hosting a Stroke Scan clinic for the community on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. More information will be going out as these dates get closer.

We hope this helps you to understand what steps are being taken to ensure the well-being of your child(ren). If you have any questions please feel free to call me, the principals, or our nurse at (936)544-5664.

Yours in Christ,

Don Elsom, Superintendent of Schools

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