

Smith-Green Community Schools

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Smith-Green Families,

As you may already be aware, a case of Coronavirus has been confirmed in Noble County. The individual is a 54-year-old gentleman, who does not reside in our school district or have children of school age. The individual has been quarantined and is receiving medical care.

I have spoken with the Noble County Department of Health, and they have indicated that there is no reason to suspect that any of our students or staff have been exposed to this specific case. As a result, they feel that there is not currently a need to close school or cancel activities. However, they would like to reiterate the practices below as they work to keep our communities healthy and safe:

- A healthy diet and daily exercise are important for general preventative care.
- Wash hands with soap and water often, for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer is another good option.
- Use a tissue when sneezing or coughing, and immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth.
- If you, or someone you know becomes ill, contact your health care provider for instructions and guidance.
- If your child shows flu-like symptoms, please notify the school nurse.

Here at Smith-Green, our staff is taking proactive steps to keep our students and staff safe from illness as well. In addition to frequent reminders to students and staff regarding effective handwashing techniques and guidance on the tips above, our maintenance and custodial staff have acquired a large supply of appropriate cleaning materials to fight this virus and other common illnesses. We have increased our levels of staffing to clean our facilities daily, and are ensuring that all appropriate surfaces are being thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. Our staff is also reviewing our safety protocols, to ensure that everyone is prepared if an outbreak were to occur.

We are actively monitoring this situation, and will continue working with our local health departments to ensure that we are keeping our students, staff, and community members safe. I will continue to send out additional information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or your child's school.

Sincerely,



Dr. Daniel G. Hile
Superintendent

"The mission of Smith-Green Community Schools is to provide a superior educational experience that ensures success for every student through excellence in teaching and learning."