

Dear District #21 Students and Parents/Guardians:

Lowpoint-Washburn School District #21 is closely monitoring developments regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), including information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Area School Leaders met March 12th with the local Health Departments to discuss the latest information available. At this time, we are staying in session and continuing the education of the students. If there are changes in the regional conditions, we will be reconvening to explore options going forward.

As with any respiratory virus, we recommend everyday practices that will help keep you healthy and avoid illness. Please remember the following good health habits:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap is not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share water bottles or similar containers.
- Visit a doctor if you have a fever, cough, body aches, and/or fatigue.
- If you or a family member is sick, stay home and limit contact with others.

Below are links to more information about the coronavirus:

Centers for Disease Control

[CDC Coronavirus](#)

This CDC site includes information about COVID-19, and provides travel information that might be helpful to those planning trips over spring break.

Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

District #21 will continue to take reasonable steps to keep our school functioning as normal, including routine cleaning. Sanitizing of all frequently touched surfaces we will be increased by adding additional man hours to commonly touched surface areas. In the event District #21 receives additional information about the coronavirus that leads us to take any additional precautions, we will inform students, parents, staff and community members.

Sincerely,

Duane J. Schupp  
Superintendent of Schools