



Habersham County Schools

Coronavirus Action Plan

This document has been developed in response to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to provide information and guidance to schools, parents and the community. The Habersham County School System has the responsibility of protecting the health and safety of the district's staff, students and their families. This document was developed using information from the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, the Georgia Department of Public Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, along with various local agencies in Habersham County.

The Habersham County Schools Coronavirus Plan was developed around three primary areas: **Prevention, Communication and Response.**

❖ **Prevention**

- Develop and monitor protocols for virus prevention
 - Institute handwashing breaks throughout the school day, specifically before breakfast and lunch times
 - Teach 20 second handwashing time through demonstration
 - Display posters in predominate areas in all restrooms
 - Teach students to cover coughs/sneezes, avoid touching face
 - Avoid personal contact such as handshaking, fist bumping, hugging
 - Increase disinfection of all surfaces, especially high contact areas such as door handles, desk tops, and other high traffic areas
 - Use of electrostatic disinfectant sprayers on a daily basis. Our school system has the most advanced technology available for disinfecting surfaces.
- Screenings of students
 - Increase monitoring of students – nurses will work with school staff to look for symptoms on a continuing basis
 - Cough or other lower respiratory symptoms
 - Fever over 99 degrees
- Education
 - Provide fact sheet/system plan to parents, students, and staff in English and Spanish
 - OneCall or other verbal communication to parents from principals indicating school is sending home information (English and Spanish)
 - Principals will use daily announcements/assemblies/meetings with students to reinforce prevention strategies

❖ **Communication**

- Send home System Coronavirus (COVID-19) Fact Sheet/Habersham County Schools System Plan to parents, students and staff
- Provide Habersham County Schools Coronavirus Action Plan to schools and all local media outlets
- Update www.habershamschools.com website on a regular basis with the latest information regarding System Coronavirus (COVID-19) and other important school information
- Establish lines of communication with local and state agencies

- Habersham County Health Department – face to face meeting 3/5/2020
- Contact other outside agencies and set up face to face meetings
 - Emergency Management Services, Emergency Management Agency, Habersham County Hospital, Habersham County Health Department, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Habersham County Sheriff's Department
- Develop a Learning from Home Plan
 - If school closing becomes necessary, institute Learning from Home Plan

❖ Response

- Protocols for Habersham County Schools Staff
 - Staff who have traveled out of the country must self-monitor at home for a minimum of 14 days and be symptom free before returning to work. Children of staff who attend Habersham County Schools must also self-monitor at home for a minimum of 14 days.
 - Staff who have traveled from a **high-risk area**, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control must self-monitor at home for minimum of 21 days and be symptom free before returning to work.
 - Staff who are living with or have been in direct contact with someone who has traveled from high risk area, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control, must self-monitor at home for a minimum of 14 days and be symptom free before returning to work.
- Protocols for current Habersham County Schools students
 - Current students who have returned from a **high-risk area**, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control, will be required to delay returning to school for a minimum of 21 days from the date re-entering the U.S. and be cleared by a physician. Learning from Home opportunities will be provided to the student.
 - Current students who have returned from travel outside of the U.S. will be required to delay returning to school for a minimum of 14 days from the date re-entering the U.S. and be symptom free. Learning from Home opportunities will be provided to the student.
 - Current students who are living with or have been in direct contact with someone who has traveled from a **high-risk area**, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control, will be required to delay returning to school for a minimum of 14 days from the date re-entering the U.S. and be symptom free. Learning from Home opportunities will be provided to the student.
- Protocols for new enrolling students
 - Students newly enrolling to Habersham County Schools and who have come from a **high-risk area**, as determined by the Centers for Disease Control, will be required to delay returning to school for 30 days.
 - Students newly enrolling to Habersham County Schools and who have come from outside the U.S. will be required to delay starting school for a minimum of 14 days.
- School Closures
 - The Habersham County School System will consult with local and state health agencies for guidance regarding the need to close schools.