



Maricopa Unified School District#20

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MARICOPA, ARIZONA 85138

Dear Parent,

The Enterovirus infection has been reported at your child's school. The Enterovirus is a viral illness that frequently causes coughing, sneezing, and fever. A severe infection can lead to difficulty breathing and wheezing. Hospitalization is often required with the severe infection.

The Enterovirus is spread by uncovered coughing and sneezing which spreads droplets of infected mucus and saliva through the air or by direct contact with nasal or throat secretions from an infected person.

Please help us keep our schools safe and free of illness. By doing the following, we will keep our classrooms functioning and our students learning, succeeding, and progressing in their educational goals.

- Keep your child home when ill. Do not give them Tylenol to mask a fever and send them to class. Children with any of the above symptoms need to stay home until free of illness for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, cough medication, or other over-the-counter medications.
- Help us in our efforts to teach covering of all coughs and sneezes. Reinforce this respiratory etiquette at home.
- Help us in our efforts to teach hand washing after using the restroom, before and after eating food, and when hands become soiled. We work to teach them to scrub and sing the birthday song to ensure removal of all germs.
- If your child's symptoms worsen please seek medical help immediately.
- Communicate with the school every time your child is ill. The school health staff can then alert other parents of illness on campus.

Together we can limit your child's exposure to the Enterovirus. Please remember to keep all sick children home. We are working hard to isolate and send all ill students and staff home to decrease the spread of this virus. Attached is also an information sheet from the Center for Disease control. You can access additional information of the District Main Web page by simply clicking on the Enterovirus button.

Please contact your child's school health office if you have any questions.

The MUSD Health Staff