



# Stewart County School System



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*Dr. Valerie Roberts, Superintendent*

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Stewart County School System Faculty and Staff, Parents, and Students,

Stewart County School System continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 coronavirus situation and is actively following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Georgia Department of Education. In addition, the District maintains a standard operating procedure and is prepared to respond as necessary. Stewart County Schools System is providing this information, so parents/guardians and community members have information regarding what the virus is, how to protect yourself and your child, and what to do if you suspect a possible case.

Although there are no current cases of COVID-19 in Stewart County or the surrounding areas, we want to assure parents and the community that Stewart County Schools are taking sanitary precautions. In doing so, we hope to minimize the risk of spreading any infectious disease, including COVID-19.

Sanitation procedures include, but are not limited to, disinfecting commonly-touched surfaces and providing hand sanitizer in classrooms and other areas of the building (office, cafeteria, etc.). We have already put these precautions in place to slow the spread of flu. Please encourage your children and teens to wash their hands often with soap and water, to cover their coughs and sneezes (with a tissue or into their elbow), to dispose of used tissue properly, and to wash their hands before eating. We will reinforce these guidelines at school.

If you see that your child or teen is running fever, please keep him/her at home until fever-free for 24 hours. School staff will be monitoring students for symptoms, including fever and coughing. The main difference between COVID-19 and the flu is the aches and pains that accompany the flu. The primary symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and diarrhea. If you or someone you know presents these symptoms, please contact your health care provider immediately.

Applicable information may be found at the following link:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

Sincerely,

Dr. Valerie Roberts, Superintendent  
Stewart County School System

*-Mission-*

*The Mission of the Stewart County School System is to provide a quality education to all students.*