

## Tonganoxie USD 464 Information Regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus

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The management of 2019 Novel Coronavirus is, as expected, evolving with time and research. There is a global response to contain this virus, and the Tonganoxie School District will receive specific guidance from local public health organizations if there is any information that involves our district. The safety and security of our students is our utmost priority, so staff and parents will be informed if a threat of this virus should arise.

It is important to remember that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently rates the U.S. and the state of Kansas at low risk for coronavirus. Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Leavenworth County Health Department are actively monitoring this situation and communicating guidance to school districts. We collaborate with Leavenworth County Health Department in measures necessary to contain communicable diseases, including 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

**The district is collaborating with public health officials around this issue to ensure that current practices are appropriate.**

*As always, we should practice the CDC-recommended prevention actions:*

- *Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.*
- *Avoid close contact with people who are sick.*
- *Stay home when you are sick.*
- *Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.*
- *Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.*

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