

# Coronavirus: What Blue Jay Families Need to Know

## How to Protect Yourself and Others

### How will Iron County C-4 handle an outbreak of illness in our community and/or schools?

Thanks to our emergency planning, our school is being proactive and preparing the school for just such a potential. Most importantly, we stay in close contact with the Center for Disease Control, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and local officials for any necessary updates that would be provided and follow their recommendations.



### What measures are you taking to prevent the spread of illness?

Our ICC4 Custodial Services team always increases the disinfection and cleaning of our schools during cold and flu season. ICC4 also provides frequent reminders to students and staff about good hand hygiene and to cover coughs and sneezes. Should confirmed cases reach our school, we will respond!

### If my child travels outside of the country, will Iron County C-4 restrict their re-entry into school?

ICC4 will always follow the direction of the Health Department in these situations. Right now individuals are being screened on re-entry to the country, and depending on many factors, public health officials make a decision about whether people can return to work or school after foreign travel.



### Will my child or I be penalized for not being at school due to illness?

NO. We obviously always want our learners to be at school. However, when they are sick, they should be at home. The same applies to our staff members. We need our staff to be healthy in order to care for our children, so they should stay home when they are sick.

To find additional ICC4 Health Services information, visit [www.ironc4.k12.mo.us](http://www.ironc4.k12.mo.us)

As we are currently in the annual cold and flu season, ICC4 has increased cleaning and sanitizing procedures and continues to emphasize the importance of good hand hygiene at school. While we hope that our schools will not need to close, we are developing a Flexible Learning Day Plan. This plan calls for continued learning to take place from home. Additional information would be communicated to families, as needed.



### What should I do if my child is sick?

If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. You would then simply need to call your child's school and report the illness symptoms your student is experiencing to the attendance secretary. Finally, call your child's health care provider for advice on managing your child's illness.



### Are students given opportunities to wash their hands during the school day, including before lunch?

**YES.** Students are always given opportunities to wash their hands during the regular school day. Day-to-day hygiene reminders, including washing hands on a regular basis, is always a top priority in our schools.



### Can and/or should students and staff wear masks at school?

Public health officials do not currently recommend that healthy people routinely wear masks nor do we recommend that students and staff wear masks at school.

## Keeping my child and family well

Preventative tips to help control the spread of illness



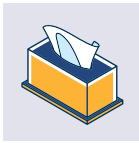
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



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 close contact with people who are sick, and stay home when you are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



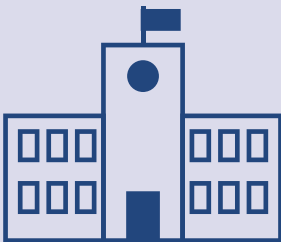
Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces.

### At what point might ICC4 take additional measures if needed?

If there were infections in our community, public health authorities may recommend specific measures to lessen the possibility of the spread of infection in our schools. This could include measures to increase "social distancing," such as moving desks further apart and limiting activities where large groups are closely gathered like assemblies or certain after-school activities.

### When would it become necessary for Iron County C-4 to close a school(s)?

Closing schools would most likely be at the recommendation of public health officials in the region or at the direction of elected local or state leadership. It would also be possible that the Superintendent and Board of Education would make the decision to close schools if there were not enough healthy staff members available to work. There may also be a scenario where specific schools would close while others remained open. We track student and staff illnesses and attendance rates in our schools on an ongoing basis.



Please know that our top priority in ICC4 is the health and safety of our students and staff, and we will always take this responsibility seriously. If any information needs to be communicated to our families, we will do so in a timely manner.