

School Sanitation & Cleaning



- Electrostatic cleaning has been done prior to school opening and will be done every 90 days in all areas. Additional sanitation foggers are being used more regularly.



- High touch surfaces such as doorknobs, faucet handles, light switches, etc. will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Sanitation stations with hand gel are available in multiple locations in all buildings.
- Handwashing will occur throughout the day at the elementary level under the supervision of the teacher or classroom assistant.
- Teachers will wipe classroom high touch surfaces throughout the day.



Because water fountains will not be in use due to the risk of infection, students must bring their own refillable, water bottles to school labeled with their name on it.

- Sinks in hallway bathrooms will be turned off/designated for every-other-sink usage to promote social distancing when hand washing.
- Custodians will work outside of the school day to have enough time to disinfect classrooms daily using medical grade cleaning supplies.



Protocol for Sick Children and Staff

Students & Staff arriving to the school setting or reporting illness during the day will be:

- Isolated immediately
- Assessed/evaluated by the nurse
- Sent home when it is determined the individual is too ill to participate in school activities
- 911 will be called for situations which are life-threatening in nature



Affected Classrooms:

- Immediately evacuated
- Wait 24-hours to clean
- Electrostatic sanitation
- Parents notified
- According to the CDC, those who have been exposed to an individual with possible COVID-19 need to be quarantined for 14 days.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

Updates on this requirement will come from the Department of Health and communicated to families as information is made available.

Students & Staff with signs of COVID-19:

- Will remain isolated until leaving campus
- Personal belongings will be brought to the isolation room
- Nurse will escort sick child to parent in waiting vehicle
- Nurse will gather COVID-19 contact information related to the school setting
- Nurse will report to Department of Health to initiate contact tracing
- All staff and parents will be notified if/when there is COVID-19 positive case
- The affected individual will be referred to their primary care physician and the NM Department of Health will be contacted and involved in the clearance for the individual to return.



As a note, staff will participate in required surveillance and rapid-response COVID-19 testing. Daily procedures will require temperature checks of all staff.