

Levy County School District FAQ Related to COVID-19

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1. Are we canceling events due to COVID-19?

We do have some student trips destined for theme parks which have been postponed or cancelled. We will continue to evaluate future student trips, and make decisions about those trips based on the current situation and advisement by the Health Department. Athletic events and extra-curricular events are to proceed as scheduled, unless otherwise notified. We cannot control what other districts decide about athletic competitions and other events, and this may lead to some cancellations. Air travel for students for field trips/school events is forbidden.

2. May parents choose to keep their child(ren) home if they elect to out of an abundance of caution?

Parents are in charge of their children and are to make decisions based on the best interest of their children. However, related to attendance policies, the attendance policy is to be followed. As in all cases, excused absences, primarily are given due to a doctor's note, school leave, and administrative excuses. Students that are sick should stay home and return with a doctor's note.

3. What if a child(ren) have been ordered by a doctor to self-quarantine?

School work should be made available and absences excused once presented with a verifiable doctor's note.

4. Are there plans to close the school district and to proceed for a period of time with online instruction?

No, there are no plans to close schools. However, if we are forced to close schools we will provide a variety of educational opportunities, including online instruction.

5. Are there any plans to change or extend Spring Break?

No. There are no plans at this time to change or extend Spring Break.

6. What if an employee must be out due to ordered or self-quarantine?

The employee should submit leave time as appropriate.

7. What should we do when parents call the school to complain or comment about what we as a school/district should be doing?

Tell the caller that the school district is monitoring the COVID-19 illness in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Florida Department of Education. In keeping with this communication, we will be following the guidance as provided from these agencies and making decisions accordingly. Refer them to the CDC and the Florida Department of Health websites, which are posted on the Levy

County School District's webpage.

8. Should I take any extra precautions for Spring Break travel?

The U.S. government is advising U.S. travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues, to defer cruise ship travel. To learn about additional travel advisements, please refer to the CDC Traveler's Health page.