



HUTCHINSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NURSING SERVICES

Health Practices and Activities

In an effort to maintain the health and safety of students in USD 308, the following practices will be reinforced and implemented strategically throughout the school year. With the continued threat of influenza, pertussis, measles, and other bacterial and viral illnesses, USD 308 will be vigilant and consistent in performing these health practices that protect the health of the students and staff. Please note, the districts health staff and administration monitor information from the Reno County Health Department (RCHD) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regularly. There may be updates to these practices as RCHD and CDC recommendations may change. The district health practices and activities are:

1. Ensure **Principals/Directors** acquire and maintain accurate parent/guardian contact information.
2. When requested, illness surveillance information will be collected on students by **Secretaries** and on staff by **Principals/Directors**. The information will be reported to the **School Nurses**, who will provide the information to the **School Nurse Coordinator**. A full report will be reported to RCHD at the end of each week by the **School Nurse Coordinator**.
3. **Principals/Directors** will provide each staff member with the practices necessary to maintain health and reduce the risk of illness.
 - a. Resources and information available at <https://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/toolkit/>
4. **Teachers** and **Paras** will clean all toys and manipulatives at the end of each day. Food grade sanitizer/cleaners are available in each building via **Custodians**.*
5. **Teachers** and **Paras** will assure multi-use electronics, cases, and keyboards are also cleaned with the food grade sanitizer/cleaner.*
6. The **School Nurses** will provide students and classrooms with age appropriate videos and education on hand hygiene, safe cough practices, and other practices to teach healthy living in effort to reduce the spread of illness.
 - a. Resources and information on hand hygiene available at <https://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/index.html>
7. Informational fliers may be sent home to parents/guardians by the **Nurses** or **Teachers**. This will promote healthy practice continuation in the home of the student.
 - a. Resources and information available at <https://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/schools/toolkit/>

8. **School Nurses** will post and maintain signs at all sinks with instructions for proper hand hygiene. Other appropriate instructional health information may be posted. The information will be recommendation from RCHD or CDC. **School Nurses** may also use morning meeting/announcements or classroom lesson time to communicate information to students.
9. The **School Nurse** will identify students and staff that may be at risk for severe disease (including, but not limited to, chronic respiratory, cardiac, metabolic diseases and pregnant women). These names may be provided to the **Principals/Directors**, **School Nurse Coordinator**, and the **Director of Special Education**.
10. **Student Support Services** will implement careful cleaning practices recommended by the CDC.*
11. **Student Support Services** will assure that all soap dispensers are filled and properly functioning, with back-up supplies readily available.
12. **Student Support Services** will keep district grounds free of standing water to prevent mosquito hatching and outbreaks as well as take action to reduce mosquito populations that occur.
13. The **School Health Coordinator** will maintain communication with RCHD and will implement immunization clinics as requested.
14. Student and staff attendance may be monitored for decision making purposes and for required reporting processes. This will be done by a coordination of **Secretaries**, **Principals/Directors**, **School Nurses**, and the **School Nurse Coordinator**.
15. The **School Nurse Coordinator** will be prepared to purchase additional supplies that may be required, such as thermometers and surgical masks.
16. **Principals/Directors** will discontinue perfect attendance reinforcement programs.
17. **Principals/Directors** and **Teachers** will be vigilant and closely supervise student use of hand sanitizers to assure sanitizers are not ingested.
18. The district may implement other actions as necessary to maintain the health and safety of students and staff. Other possible considerations may include (but are not limited to):
 - a. Implement spacing and proximity accommodations if illness rates increase. This activity requires extra space between students in classrooms, halls, cafeteria, lines, etc.
 - b. Identify designated holding areas for ill students that are awaiting parent/guardian pick-up.
 - c. Immunization clinics may be held in the schools.

***Products used by USD 308 Support Services to clean surfaces, manipulatives, and electronics are effective in killing viral and bacterial germs on surfaces and are safe for children and staff when used as directed.