



Important Information Regarding Ebola

In an effort to keep you informed, the district has been made aware by Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) that five of our students who attend four different campuses may have had contact with the individual recently diagnosed with Ebola in Dallas County. The students attend the following campuses: Dan D. Rogers Elementary School, Emmett J. Conrad High School, L.L. Hotchkiss Elementary School, and Sam Tasby Middle School. While no student from Lowe Elementary School has been identified, as an extra pre-caution the district is monitoring Jack Lowe Sr. Elementary since it is connected to Tasby Middle School.

As a precautionary measure, the students who were exposed to this individual have been advised to stay home from school. It is important to know that individuals are not contagious until symptoms appear. Since these students have not presented any symptoms, there is nothing to suggest that the disease was spread by any of these students to others, including to students and staff.

The district is working in conjunction with DCHHS and will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. In addition, the district is taking the following actions:

- Additional nurses are being deployed to each of the five campuses for precautionary purposes, to keep a close watch on any student who comes to the nurse's office with fever or flu-like symptoms, etc.
- Additional custodial services have been arranged to thoroughly clean and disinfect each of the five buildings every evening, also a precautionary measure.
- A recorded hotline is being established to provide any updates on this situation. The number for this hotline is 972.925.5810.
- The district is also notifying parents through letters, which will be available on the district's website along with frequently asked questions at the following location: www.dallasisd.org/healthupdates

How can you help? The most important thing is to remain calm and to reiterate the fact to your students that individuals are not contagious until symptoms appear. Again, the five students who have been identified have not displayed any symptoms. Additionally, many of your students and their parents may have questions. Please direct them to the Health Updates webpage located on the district website and to the Centers for Disease Control.

For more information about the Ebola virus, please visit this link from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ebola-factsheet.pdf>

As more updates become available, we will notify you.