

Dear Mapleton families,

Mapleton Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students and staff. We are working closely with Tri-County Health Department, as well as other state health partners, to monitor the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Currently, Tri-County Health Department says the immediate threat to our community is low. Should this change in the future, the district is prepared to protect our families through appropriate control measures. Mapleton is currently operating at **LEVEL 1** as detailed in the chart below.

For accurate, up-to-date information about coronavirus, we encourage you use the following sources:

- [Tri-County Health Department](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#)

What can I do now?

As best practice for overall health in cold and flu season, engage in every day, preventative measures to prevent the spread of germs and avoid illness, such as:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**
- **Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.**
- **Avoid touching eyes, mouth, and nose with unwashed hands.**
- **Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.**
- **Stay home/keep children home if they are sick. The CDC recommends that individuals remain home for at least 24 hours after a fever or signs of a fever (i.e., chills, feeling warm, flushed appearance.)**
- **Get a flu shot if you have not gotten one this year. It's not too late!**

What is Mapleton doing?

Our focus remains on providing safe, healthy learning environments for our students and staff. We will continue to work closely with public health partners to monitor the situation and provide additional communication as needed. In the event of an outbreak in our community, we would follow our public health partners' lead on any quarantines, closures or other health measures as necessary. Additionally, we maintain stringent cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting practices at all schools to help avoid disease transmission.

Level 1: <i>Actively monitoring local and state health departments, reported cases in Colorado.</i>	Level 2: <i>Community spread cases in Adams County</i>	Level 3: <i>Confirmed cases amongst staff and/or students</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent cleaning of common areas including door hardware, desks, tables, bus seats, etc. • Communicating the precautions to avoid spreading COVID-19 • Continuing to monitor attendance and communicating with Tri-County Health Department • Communicating to families to keep sick children home • Communicating to staff to stay home if sick • Reviewing Pandemic and Crisis Communication Plans • Beginning bi-weekly departmental briefings for communication updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor attendance and communicate with Tri-County Health • Expand cleaning to less frequently used areas in addition to common areas • Potentially limit student/staff travel • Potentially limit/postpone events • Potentially limit/restrict outside visitors • Potentially restrict outside food deliveries to facilities • Communicate to families to keep sick children home • Communicate to staff to stay home if sick • Develop contingency plans and review Pandemic and Crisis Communication Plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially cancel all school events and building rentals • Potentially cancel all school-related student and staff travel • Potentially cancel all events (athletics, fine arts, etc.) • Potentially close schools, office buildings, or entire district in consultation with Tri-County Health Department • Communicate to families the extent of closures, length, and school work accommodations • In the event of school closures, communicate to staff which staff members are to report to duty to maintain services • Perform a deep clean of all areas