

Coronavirus

St. Edward the Confessor School is monitoring the situation with COVID-19, also known as Coronavirus. Of the approximately 90,000 cases worldwide, fewer than 1% of cases are in the U.S. (as of 3/2/2020). Right now there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus in Louisiana.

Health officials have shared that Coronavirus is **airborne**, so the advised ways to prevent contagion are the same measures recommended for the flu and common cold:

- If your child is sick, especially if there is a great deal of coughing or sneezing, *keep the child home* and seek appropriate medical attention (for fever, dry cough, body aches).
- Avoid large crowds whenever possible.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- Avoid sharing food, dishes, utensils, and other personal hygiene items.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue and place immediately in the trash.
- Avoid shaking hands.

In addition, we are taking the following additional steps:

- Increasing current sanitation efforts, including for lavatories, the cafeteria, light switches, keyboards, and door knobs.
- Asking for reports to the school if a current student or staff member has traveled to a country on the CDC's risk assessed list.
- Monitoring absences daily.

Please use only reliable sources, such as the following, for information on COVID-19:

- Louisiana Department of Health <http://www.ldh.la.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/>