

Additional Information about Mitigation Strategies

Our student's and staff's health and safety are a top priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the state and local health departments, and the state of Illinois for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

The Mt. Zion School District #3 is taking steps to prevent or reduce the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- We will identify close contacts to a positive case.
- We will use ventilation when possible.
- We recommend families conduct daily symptom checks before sending children to school.
- We have installed, and are changing more often, the Merv 13 air filtration in the school HVAC units.
- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- Students and staff are required to wear face coverings, as per the state mandate.
- We are teaching students the importance of proper handwashing.
- Students are discouraged from sharing personal items, e.g., water bottles.
- Students are reminded to avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth and cover coughs and sneezes.

Everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Sick individuals should contact their health care provider to determine if testing is needed. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep the child at home and notify your primary healthcare provider, school, and your local health department.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID plan to protect your children, families, and our staff and their families. For any questions or concerns, please contact us.