

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding COVID-19

As a parent, what can I do now?

As a parent of a Davenport Community School District student, please:

- Ensure your student(s) emergency contact information is up-to-date
- If your child is sick, or shows sign of illness, notify their school and keep them home
- Begin to make contingency plans for child care in the event of an emergency school closure, including before- and after-school care

When should I keep my child(ren) home from school?

In alignment with our normal Davenport Community School District policies, if your child is sick or showing signs of illness, your child(ren) should not attend school. If they have a fever of 100 or above, vomiting, diarrhea, rash of unknown origin, persistent cough, or if they are unable to participate in normal school activities, they should not attend school.

Students must be free of fever, vomiting, and diarrhea for at least 24 hours without the use of medication before returning to school.

Absences will be excused with proper notification to the school. The DCSD has immediately suspended all current attendance incentives, such as perfect attendance awards, recognitions, and/or ceremonies.

Is the District allowing student trips?

The District has suspended all trips and activities until further notice.

Does the District have recommendations for private independent student travel?

The CDC has identified 28 additional countries with a Level 3 Travel Notice, meaning



avoid all non-essential travel due to widespread or ongoing transmission of COVID-19. The full list of countries identified with a Level 3 Travel Warning can be found here: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>. The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends that anyone who visits these countries voluntarily self-isolates for 14 days upon their return.

Is the District prohibiting private independent staff travel?

The CDC has identified 28 additional countries with a Level 3 Travel Notice, meaning avoid all non-essential travel due to widespread or ongoing transmission of COVID-19. The full list of countries identified with a Level 3 Travel Warning can be found here: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>. The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends that anyone who visits these countries voluntarily self-isolates for 14 days upon their return.

Employees unable to return to the country due to voluntary travel to a country that is part of the European travel ban will need to use available leave for the days they are excluded from returning to the U.S. Sick leave is only available if the employee is required to observe a COVID-19 self-isolation period or other CDC / IDPH recommendation, and will require a physician clearance to return to work.

Is the District sending staff to conferences outside the District?

The District is suspending all future out of state professional development registration and travel requests until further notice.

Will my child's absences be excused?

Yes, any COVID-19 related absences will be excused. The District has suspended the distribution of absence letters until further notice.

What is the District doing about make-up work for missed classes?

At this time, the District is following its current practices regarding make-up work and missed assignments when a family chooses to keep their child(ren) at home. At this time, the District is not providing advanced make-up assignments and missed school work for families that are choosing to keep students home for extended periods of time.



Is the District closing schools?

District operations and student learning continue as normal. The District is reviewing the situation on a constant basis. If a decision to close school is made, parents, staff and students will be notified as soon as possible.

Will the District provide opportunities for online learning if schools close?

As of now, the District is holding school as scheduled. The District continues to work with the Iowa Department of Education around the potential for online learning and missed instructional time. If the District does need to cancel school, there is currently no indication from the State that online learning days can count for missed days of school. Therefore, these would not count as student instructional days and could be made up at the end of the school year. The best option right now is exploring enrichment opportunities that could be made available to students or ways students could voluntarily continue their learning at home. If the District receives different guidance about missed student days and alternatives that are available to count for the instructional time, all efforts will be made to provide information and time for teachers to prepare for this experience.

If school is closed, will students still receive meals?

We know that many of our students depend on the meals they receive at school. It is our goal to continue to provide this service if schools are forced to close. Additional information on our food service program will be provided should schools be closed.

What precautions is the District taking in regard to cleanliness?

The District has a regular cleaning schedule for all buildings. In addition to the measures already in place, the District will conduct enhanced cleaning procedures - as recommended by the CDC - over spring break. We are deploying additional outside resources to assist our cleaning professionals with these procedures.

My child rides the bus. Are you making any changes to transportation?

Busing and student transportation services will continue in the current operational capacity.

