## **RECOMMENDED SCHOOL RESPONSES**

**Universal Precautions:** 

-Encourage hand washing several times daily. Hands should be washed after using restrooms, before eating, after recess, after coughing or sneezing, and when visibly soiled.

-Encourage coughing etiquette. Cough or sneeze in tissue or in crook of elbow or upper arm if no tissues are available.

-Daily cleaning of restrooms, desks, door handles, lunch tables, keyboards, and surfaces frequently touched by students. No special solutions are needed, regular cleaning solutions are recommended. Teachers will be provided with germicidal wipes, spray, and handsanitizers.

-Discourage the sharing of food, drinks, and eating utensils. Students and staff should bring home water bottles daily for cleaning.

-Know the signs and symptoms of influenza and watch for those signs among staff and students. These include fever over 100 degrees, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, fatigue, and possible vomiting and diarrhea. Send students to nurse if any of these symptoms are present for further investigation. Be on the lookout for ill students as soon as they enter the building in the morning and throughout the day for early treatment to avoid the spread of illness.

If illness spreads: put greater distance between students desks and conducting active fever and flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school.

## SPECIFIC PRACTICES FOR ELEMENTARY:

-Encourage handwashing before lunch, after recess, after restroom breaks, and as needed throughout day. Encourage cough etiquette at all times. Have custodians clean desks, doorhandles and restrooms daily. Teachers clean keyboards and frequently touched surfaces daily. Lunch room workers clean tables and serving line surfaces daily.

## SPECIFIC PRACTICES FOR HIGH SCHOOL:

-Encourage handwashing before lunch, after PE, after restroom breaks, after using the weight room, and as needed throughout the day. Have hand sanitizer available in all classrooms. Encourage cough etiquette. Have custodians clean desks, doorhandles, and restrooms daily. Have last class of students in weight room wipe down equipment after use. Teachers clean keyboards and frequently touched surfaces daily.