



COSHOCTON CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to provide information related to the Ebola epidemic and its local impact, we have provided a handout from the Ohio Department of Health entitled "What You Need to Know about Ebola" on the back of this letter. Also, there are several links and resources that can be found on our district website at www.coshoctonredskins.com, including information from our local City and County Health Departments, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Ohio Department of Education.

While local, state, and federal authorities continue to stress that Ebola does not pose an imminent risk to Ohio residents, the Coshocton City Schools will continue to monitor this situation and will continue to work closely with the Coshocton City Health Department and other local agencies, as necessary. We also receive information and updates from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health. The Ohio Department of Health has activated a 24-hour-a-day call center to answer Ohioans' questions about Ebola and the recent events in Ohio in an effort to ensure Ohioans get accurate, timely information. The 24-hours-a-day number for Ohioans to call is 1-866-800-1404. The call center will be staffed by public health nurses and other public health professionals, with infectious disease specialists available as needed. You may also call the Coshocton City Health Department at 622-1736 ext. 110 or ext. 112 for information.

We will continue to follow our normal protocols to help reduce the spread of any contagious diseases, including proper and frequent hand washing techniques, cover your cough, sending home ill/sick children, encouraging flu shots, and appropriate daily cleaning of our buildings, classrooms, and buses. We also have protocols that we use to clean up accidents/messes that involve bodily fluids, such as vomit, blood, urine and feces. In addition, our administrative assistants may be asking parents some additional questions when students are absent from school or are reported off due to illness.

Hopefully, these resources can provide you with the relevant facts and information, and can help to eliminate any myths or misconceptions about this situation. Again, more information can be found on our district website at www.coshoctonredskins.com. We will update this information as it becomes available.

Thank you,

David Hire, Superintendent

Mission Statement

Coshocton City Schools, in partnership with family and community, will empower individuals to become literate, respectful, responsible, and independent life long learners in an ever-changing society.