

COVID-19 UPDATE as of 3/9/2020

Dear Families of WUSD students,

We want our families to be assured that Wickenburg Unified School District continues to actively monitor the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation in conjunction with local and federal health authorities. The health and safety of our students, staff, and families remains our top priority.

Currently, there have been two cases in Maricopa County and no reported cases in Yavapai County, therefore the immediate threat to our community is low and we are currently actively monitoring the situation. Should this change in the future, Wickenburg USD is prepared with appropriate control measures.

Staff and students are instructed to follow healthy habits:

1. Wash hands frequently and follow proper handwashing techniques as outlined by the CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>
2. Cover cough or sneeze with sleeve or elbow
3. Use a tissue, discard immediately and wash hands.
4. Avoid touching eyes, nose & mouth
5. Avoid people who are sick
6. Keep children home when they are ill
7. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces

The school administration also requests that families:

1. Designate a caretaker in the event your child is ill and needs to stay home from school
2. Update your contact information with the site secretary

As recommended by health authorities, we will continue to perform routine environmental cleaning to include disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. We are prepared to escalate these practices if recommended by county health departments.

In situations like these, rumors may cause unnecessary reactions and panic, therefore, we encourage you to get information from credible sources. We are using the following sources:

[cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
maricopa.gov/5460/Coronavirus-Disease-19
[azed.gov](https://www.azed.gov)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Debbie Hodgkiss, Ex. Director of Educational Services (928) 668-5350.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation,

Dr. Howard Carlson, Superintendent