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With the recent news reports regarding the Ebola virus and Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68), we felt it important that we share information with you as to how we're currently working to keep students and staff safe. We have no cases of these viruses in DVUSD. However, our number one priority is the safety and health of each student and staff member in our District. We are working with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health to minimize the risk of exposure to our students and staff. All surfaces, classrooms and public spaces at all DVUSD campuses have been and will continue to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized.

First, some facts about these viruses as reported by the Maricopa County Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control:

Ebola Virus:

- The Ebola virus is transmitted through direct contact with the blood or bodily fluids of an infected symptomatic person or through exposure to objects such as needles that have been contaminated with infected secretions.
- The Ebola virus is not a respiratory disease like the flu, so it is **not** transmitted through the air. Individuals who are not symptomatic are not contagious. In order for the virus to be transmitted, an individual would have to have direct contact with an individual who is experiencing symptoms.
- Symptoms of the Ebola virus include; fever, headache, joint and muscle aches, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, lack of appetite, and unexplained bleeding or bruising. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2-21 days after exposure, though 8-10 days is most common.

EV-D68:

- Almost all confirmed cases of EV-D68 have been among children.
- EV-D68 symptoms include runny nose, sneezing, cough, body/muscle aches, fever (not always present), and, in more serious cases, wheezing and difficulty breathing.
- EV-D68 is spread much like other respiratory viruses—via an ill person's respiratory secretions such as saliva, mucus and sputum.
- Children with asthma may have a higher risk of severe respiratory illness and should diligently follow their treatment regime.
- Individuals should cover their mouths and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing or cough/sneeze into their sleeve.
- Washing hands with soap and water is recommended over the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer which may have limited action against the EV-D68.

Any students with cold or flu symptoms should be kept home from school until all symptoms subside.

Please call us at (623) 445-4951 if you have any questions. For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/>.