



# DEWEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Students, & School Staff Members:

The Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education are partnering to provide specific guidance regarding Spring Break and other travels for our school families, students and district staff.

Individuals returning from travel to China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, Japan or any other [Level 2 or 3 country](#) as identified by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) should self-quarantine for a period of 14 days before returning to school. **Additionally, individuals who knowingly come into contact with people diagnosed with COVID-19 should also practice the 14 day self-quarantine.** This applies to all students, teachers, and other school or district staff.

### **Steps for returning travelers from Level 2 or 3 countries:**

1. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.
2. Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school for this 14-day period. Discuss your work situation with your district before returning to work or school.
3. Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares during the time you are practicing social distancing.
4. Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit your activities in public.
5. Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet).

Please refer frequently to the CDC [Travelers Guidance](#) as other countries may be elevated to Level 2 or 3 at any time.

### **Students & School Families:**

If the need for self-quarantine is used, please contact your child's school office to provide notification and receive guidance regarding your child's education plan for time missed.

### **Sick Leave:**

District employees may use any available sick leave during a required 14-day self-quarantine.

Thank you for your careful attention to student and staff safety. We are carefully watching events surrounding the COVID-19 virus and will communicate with the Washington County Health Department as necessary. We encourage all members of the Dewey School family to be vigilant in caring for themselves by practicing good health habits (flu vaccination, covering coughs/sneezes, washing hands often/thoroughly, avoiding touching eyes, nose, mouth) to prevent the spread of any virus. We will provide additional guidance as needed.