



December 6, 2018

Dear CES families:

Due to an abnormally high number of student absences in recent days, this letter is to inform you of a possible outbreak of viral gastroenteritis at Covington Elementary School.

Viral gastroenteritis, often called “stomach flu”, is very easily spread from person to person. Symptoms most commonly include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Other symptoms include low-grade fever, headache, body aches, and chills. Symptoms usually appear 12-48 hours after exposure and go away on their own within 1-3 days. Proper hydration is very important, especially if your child experiences several episodes of vomiting or diarrhea. Most people get better without visiting a doctor, but please contact your primary care physician if you have concerns related to your child’s well being.

Per Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health and our school’s handbook, please do not send your child to school or any other group event if he/she has any of the above symptoms. If your child has been ill, they should stay home for 24 hours after all symptoms resolve.

Anywhere groups of people come together in close quarters can be an environment for an intestinal infection to get passed. CES is taking extra precautions with cleaning and disinfecting to ensure the health and well being of all students. Students can help by washing their hands with soap and warm, running water after using the restroom and before eating. Proper hand washing is extremely important to prevent the spread of this infection at school and at home.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (260) 431-0501.

Sincerely,

Fred Graf, Principal
Covington Elementary

Preparing today’s learners for tomorrow’s opportunities.

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