

For Immediate Release  
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Good evening.

This is Brian Austin, Superintendent for Lee County Public Schools. This message is related to school closings in our area related to illness.

We have been in contact with the Lee County Health Department and will continue to do so as it relates to illnesses in our schools and community. At this time, we will not be closing any of our schools due to illness. We will continue to monitor student and staff attendance to ensure that we provide the best opportunities for all of our students.

Please refer to the Lee County Public Schools website or Facebook page for additional details.

We realize that flu season is upon us and that the dramatic weather changes over the past several weeks have led to related illnesses. Accordingly, if your child is sick and running a fever, then please let the child stay at home. For employees, if you are running a fever and do not feel well, then please stay home. Children and employees should not return to school or work until at least 24 hours after a fever has broken naturally (without fever-reducing medicines). [More information about related guidance to parents/guardians is contained on this link.](#)

As a reminder for a good healthy routine, please wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time and cover your cough. We will be providing tissues and hand sanitizer to minimize the possibility of spreading sickness. Our staff will also continue extra cleaning of common contact points such as door knobs and handles, hand rails, water fountains, water faucets, etc.

We wish you and your family a healthy and successful remainder of the school year.