

# Mountain Home Public Schools

## Pandemic Plan

This plan has been prepared to assist the school district in responding to the threat of a pandemic outbreak. In the event of an outbreak, such as pandemic flu, the superintendent will be responsible for activating the Pandemic Plan.

### **Precautions/Preventative Measures**

The district has implemented and will continue the following precautions and prevention measures :

Provide information concerning Pandemic Flu to staff, parents, and students:

Symptoms of flu and procedures for school attendance if symptoms are present. Stay home if you have flu like symptoms – fever, headache, chills, body aches, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, nausea and vomiting

Preventative measures

- \*Avoid touching your nose and mouth
- \*Hand washing frequently – 20 seconds with soap and water – use hand gel if soap and water not available

Encourage and/or require germ killing measures

- \*Hand washing
- \*Use of alcohol wipes/gels
- \*Disinfecting as needed

During flu season use 1/10% bleach solution, Lysol spray, bleach wipes, or other commercial cleaning products that will kill the flu virus. Clean surfaces such as door handles, handrails, eating surfaces, desks, etc., with approved cleaning solution. Allow solution to sit 10 minutes on surface. Follow blood borne pathogens precautions strictly.

### **School Closure**

Closure of school during a pandemic outbreak will fall under the direction of the State and Local government. At that time, the superintendent will activate the Pandemic Plan.

- \*District notified of closure by state/local government
- \*Superintendent begins staff notifications
- \*Superintendent will notify media with updates for the public
- \*Staff will be updated
- \*Students will be dismissed with information on how to get updates
- \*Schools will follow any disinfecting, etc. measures required.
- \*Schools will re-open per state/local government approval
- \*District will continue precautions and prevention measures.