



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Ebola Virus Information

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) has been made aware that many school personnel have questions about what education professionals can do to keep students and adults safe from the Ebola virus. At the current time, there are no cases of Ebola in Virginia. Our national health system has the capacity and expertise to quickly detect and contain this disease and is working with states and school districts to ensure the safety of our students and school employees. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is our primary source of information on Ebola. Current information may be found at the CDC Web site:

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/index.html>.

Helpful Resources

United States Department of Education, Office of Safe and Healthy Students, Readiness and Emergency Management of Schools:

<http://rems.ed.gov/>

Virginia Department of Health, Division of Epidemiology, direct e-mail access to ask Ebola related questions:

Vdh_Epi_Comments@vdh.virginia.gov

Virginia Department of Health Ebola Fact Sheet:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/news/pdf/Ebola%20FAQ.pdf>.

The VDOE is working collaboratively with the Virginia Department of Health to provide you with pertinent information appropriate for your staff and parents. Information will be posted under "News and Announcements" on the Health and Medical page of the VDOE Web site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/index.shtml. In addition, school nurse coordinators will be updated as information and guidance become available. Questions should be directed to Tia Campbell, school health specialist, at Tia.Campbell@doe.virginia.gov; telephone (804) 786-8671.

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