



## Key Messages for Parents

The Ministries of Education and Health have made plans and protocols to keep all schools safe.

### Parents can help keep schools safe when they do these things:

- 1. Keep all sick children at home. Do not send any child to school who has fever, vomiting, or running stomach.
- 2. Make sure the school your child goes to knows how to find you in case your child gets sick. Give the school your phone number, where you live, and where you work.
- 3. Talk with your community leader and PTA to make sure the school always has clean water, chlorine and soap.

### To make sure any sickness does not spread in school, parents should remind children:

- Not to share personal things (like cups, spoons, food, and clothes) with others.
- To only wear clean clothes
- To avoid touching others.

### To make sure every school is safe, The Government of Liberia and partners are:

- making sure every school set up a school health safety committee.
- training all school health safety committees.
- sending health & hygiene supplies to all Districts to give to every school.

### Parents can help make sure the school is safe when the school has:

- 1. A School Health Safety Committee that has been trained.
- 2. Received all of the health & hygiene supplies from the District.
- 3. Temperature check at entry point and hand-washing stations at entry point and bathroom.
- 4. A separate area for any person that gets sick at school to stay while the school calls for help.

Talk to your child's school principal if you have any questions about keeping the school safe.





### Key Messages for Students

- 1. Tell your parent if you are feeling sick. Do not go to school if you have fever, vomiting or running stomach.
- 2. Wash your hands with soap and water every time you enter the school and after you use the bathroom. Tell your teacher if the water is finished.
- 3. Make sure you get your temperature checked every time you enter the school.
- 4. Tell your teacher if you or any of your classmates or friends are sick.
- 5. To make sure any sickness does not spread in school, Remember:
  - Not to share personal things (like cups, spoons, food, and clothes) with others.
  - Only wear clean clothes
  - Don't touch anybody who gets sick
- 6. Treat everybody with respect Do not make fun of others





### Key Messages for Teachers

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#### To make sure every school is safe, The Government of Liberia and partners are:

- 1. Training school health safety committees.
- 2. Sending health & hygiene supplies to all Districts to give to every school.

Every school must have a health and safety committee. The school health safety committee must develop a school health safety plan and train all teachers and staff on the school health safety plan.

Any person with signs and symptoms of Ebola (fever, vomiting, or running stomach) must not enter the school.

#### Teachers must help keep schools safe by:

- 1. Staying at home if they are sick. Do not go to school if you have fever, vomiting or running stomach.
- 2. Making sure you know the signs and symptoms of Ebola.
- 3. Reporting any person with the signs and symptoms of Ebola to the administrator. Do not waste time, report quickly.
- 4. Understanding and following your school health safety plan if you, a student or staff members get sick with fever, vomiting or running stomach at school:
  - Tell your school administrator, don't waste time, report quickly.
  - Keep the sick person in the area identified by the school health safety committee while the school calls for help.
  - Make sure the school talks to the parent or caregiver when a child is sick.
- 5. Making sure that the temperature of every person is checked at the school entry point and hand-washing stations are available at entry point and bathroom.
- 6. Hold your job strong. Everyone has a part to play. Work with the parents, community leaders, administrators and partners to keep your school safe.

#### To make sure any sickness does not spread in school, make sure everybody at school:

- 1. Washes their hands with soap and water.
- 2. Does not share personal things (like cups, spoons, food, and clothes) with others.
- 3. Only wears clean clothes.
- 4. Avoids touching others.

Treat all students with respect. Welcome and encourage all those whose lives have been touched by Ebola.

Tell your school administrator if any child needs extra counseling support.

Ask your school administrator if you have questions about your school's health safety plan.





## Key Messages for Communities

The Ministries of Education and Health have made plans and protocols to keep all schools safe.

Communities (school administrators, teachers, PTA's, community leaders, children, and parents) must work together to make and keep schools safe for everybody.

#### BEFORE SCHOOL OPENS Before the school opens all communities should work together to:

- 1. Establish a school health safety committee that includes school administrators, teachers, children, and parents.
- 2. Make sure that every child that has registered has had no contact with a suspected Ebola patient in the last 21 days before the school reopens.
- 3. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of the parents and caregivers for every child so the school can contact them quickly.
- 4. Clean and spray the school campus to keep it safe.
- 5. Get the school safety and hygiene supplies from the District and find a safe storage area for supplies at the school.
  - Thermometer for temperature taking
  - Hand-washing buckets
  - Soap and chlorine for handwashing and cleaning
  - Basic cleaning and reusable protective equipment
  - Health and hygiene promotion materials (poster, flip book, etc.)
- 6. Make sure the school has clean water to use at all times.
- 7. Help the school find a safe area to keep sick people away from others while the school calls for help.
- 8. Make sure the school administrator talks with the health worker in charge at the nearest health clinic or hospital to set up a referral plan for the school.
- 9. Any person with signs and symptoms of Ebola (fever, vomiting, or running stomach) must not enter the school. Call 4455 and tell your community leader.