



**Garland Independent School District**  
Office of Superintendent

To Garland ISD Parents and Guardians:

It has been well publicized that a second healthcare worker was diagnosed with the Ebola virus and traveled on a flight from Cleveland to Dallas earlier this week. She was not showing any symptoms of the disease during her travel.

Today we learned the parents of four GISD students at two schools were aboard this plane with the healthcare worker. The campuses are North Garland High School and Schrade Middle School.

All parents have been in contact with the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Officials from the CDC have assured family members their seating location aboard the flight was in a no-risk area, no quarantine is necessary, and all students are not being withheld from school.

Both families are cooperating entirely with the organization. Administration at North Garland and Schrade are also communicating with the parents. Additionally, the district is working with CDC, Dallas County Health & Human Services (DCHHS), and city officials from Garland and Rowlett.

There are no other family members at any other GISD campus.

It is important to know individuals are not contagious until symptoms appear. GISD is taking proactive measures at both campuses - increased cleaning throughout the day, an intensive deep-clean this evening and an expert cleaning this weekend. Additional disinfectant measures are being performed at all GISD campuses.

The following information is available online:

- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- [www.garlandisd.net/healthservices](http://www.garlandisd.net/healthservices)

These include frequently asked questions, how to talk to your child regarding Ebola, and timely updates. GISD is in ongoing communication with the Center for Disease Control and DCHHS. A hotline is also available for reporting concerns, [800-527-7140](tel:800-527-7140).

If another situation arises of a student who may have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Ebola, the district will continue providing as much information as possible.

Thank you,

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