



Hughson Unified School District

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Dear Hughson Unified School Community,

As coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns continue to increase, we want to keep you updated on our plans for keeping our school, students and employees safe. HUSD and the Stanislaus County Office of Education (SCOE) are working closely with Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA).

We have been monitoring daily the growing outbreak of COVID-19 in California. On March 7, the California Department of Public Health issued new School Guidance meant to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state and protect those who are most vulnerable to severe illness.

At this time, community transmission of COVID-19 has occurred in California. **Currently there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Stanislaus County.** We are preparing for a potential impact that this virus may have in our county, and in accordance with HSA's recommendations have taken measures to prevent the spread of the virus in our schools. Measures taken include increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures for classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, offices, and common area spaces.

Effective immediately, we are restricting/cancelling non-essential out-of-county travel and field trips to locations that have confirmed "community spread" cases (i.e., counties of Santa Clara/Solano/San Francisco, etc.). The list of locations experiencing community spread will be reviewed daily and we will communicate as quickly as we feel we have enough accurate information to make the decision.

You are essential to our preparations in reducing the spread of COVID-19. We ask that you read all communications carefully and adhere to actions that keep students and employees healthy.

- Stay home from school or work when sick.
- Remain home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g., high fever or difficulty breathing.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Make sure all family members are up-to-date with their flu shots.
- Avoid contact with those who are sick.

Information on this virus, and how to control its spread, may change in the following days and weeks. We will continue to work closely with County Health Services Agency to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. Thank you for putting the health and well-being of our community first. We will get through this challenge together.

Sincerely,

Brenda Smith

Superintendent