



# Hughson Unified School District

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## COVID-19 Update March 13, 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is a challenging and anxious time for all of us as we work to respond responsibly through this new coronavirus (COVID-19). This update follows the directive from the California Department of Public Health and the Stanislaus County Department of Public Health.

Based on this update beginning Monday, March 16, we will be postponing or cancelling assemblies, sporting events, and any event that may exceed 250 people in attendance. This does not mean that our schools will be closed. Our schools will remain open unless otherwise advised by the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer.

1. **Today's update indicates that day-to-day classroom activities should remain in place at this time.**
2. The update does however recommend that all non-essential school gatherings of over 250 people should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. **Smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person.** Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines.
3. Gatherings that do not meet the criteria should only be conducted when they are essential, i.e., if the activity is essential and could not be postponed or achieved without gathering, meaning that some other means of communication could not be used to conduct the essential function.
4. The Stanislaus County Public Health Services Agency and Stanislaus County Office of Education recommends that schools making every attempt to minimize large group activities where students, staff, families, or community members are gathered in one place.

Because this situation is new and dynamic, we are continuing to re-evaluate and update our response as information becomes available. When it is determined that new updates regarding the guidelines will impact operations of our district and school sites, you will be notified. If no new updates are provided, that means the current guidelines are still in effect. We are doing our best to maintain safety, calm, and a sense of continuity for our students.

**Updates to COVID-19 are being released as the situation changes. In an effort to keep parents up-to-date, all updates will be released using our Aeries Communication system and social media** (Facebook and the district website: [www.hughson.k12.ca.us](http://www.hughson.k12.ca.us)).

Sincerely,

Brenda Smith  
Superintendent