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## **Oxnard School District Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

Dear OSD Parents, Teachers, and Staff:

While we understand the anxiety that Coronavirus (COVID-19) has caused in our schools and community, we assure you that we are following all directives and protocols from public health officials to protect our schools and students, teachers, and staff. We are in close communication with the Ventura County Office of Education and Ventura County Public Health professionals to assess potential contact and exposure risk for students, teachers, and staff in the Oxnard School District (both rumor and substantiated). Any official communication will be shared on our website and on our approved social media platforms.

**At this time, there are no recommendations from public health officials for cancellation of school, public events, or field trips.** With this guidance, school and all school activities will continue as scheduled. However, we continue to explore possible solutions for distance learning by assessing our technology access and devices and looking at contingency plans. In the event that Ventura County Public Health asks for social distancing or school closures in the near future, we will be forced to make alternative plans and/or cancel events and possibly school.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your personal contingency plans for childcare and transportation should there be a potential impact to the schools or school events in the future. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provides resources for household action plans on their [website](#).

### **Health and Safety Reminders**

- Wash your hands often 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.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick. If your child is sick, please keep them home from school. All children and staff members with fever (>100.4 F / >38C) should remain home from school and other activities until they had no fever for 24 hours, without fever medication. Students who attend school with sniffles or coughs will be sent home.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Look out for friends and loved ones who would be considered more vulnerable and offer support. Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- The California Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and states handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.

As always, the safety and wellness of our students and staff are a priority. We will be monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

For general questions about Coronavirus and precautions currently recommended by Ventura County Public Health, residents may call the county's coronavirus information line at (805) 981-5101 or (805) 981-5201.

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