

Feb. 27, 2020

Dear FUHSD community,

On February 25, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), held a press conference and shared that the immediate risk of the novel coronavirus (now referred to as COVID-19) to the public is still low at this time. It was also shared that although the risk at this point in time is low, COVID-19 could begin spreading in communities and we all should begin preparations now. Our schools are taking the necessary steps to prepare and the health and safety of our students is our priority. We recognize that the unknown can be concerning and will continue to provide regular updates as we have them.

We are working closely with the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE). SCCOE is in daily contact with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and also monitors the California Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s information updates daily.

All schools in California are required to have Emergency Safety Plans that address emergency situations (including pandemic flu) and articulate protocols and roles of staff. School staff are required to review these plans together annually, and subsequently review if future emergencies are foreseen or occur, and update the plans as needed.

In case of an emergency, it is our school's protocol to notify parents and guardians via our emergency communication program with both a phone and email message.

As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, follow these important tips:

- 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.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year

Additionally, the California Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. We thank you for your cooperation and support.