

Parent Notification

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Dear SUSD families and community,

Stockton Unified has been closely monitoring the news of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in California. We wanted to take a moment to provide you an update on what we're doing to prepare for the event of this illness spreading into our community. It's important to note that, at this time, the risk to San Joaquin County residents is low and that there are no confirmed cases in San Joaquin County at this time.

We have been following guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) and the California Department of Public Health. We have also been working collaboratively with the San Joaquin County Office of Education and San Joaquin County Public Health Services to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The district and our schools are prepared with a response plan should any outbreaks occur.

Preventative measures being taken throughout the district match those recommended for the flu and common cold. Classrooms are remaining stocked with hand soap and our custodians are following standard protocols for cleaning surfaces in all offices and classrooms. Schools continue to monitor students for flu-like symptoms. Our SUSD Health Services Department, which has the largest flu immunization program in the United States, has also purchased new electronic thermometers for each school site.

We encourage all families to have conversations with their children at home, and review some of the information regarding preventive measures that can be taken to prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses, including coronavirus and the flu:

- 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.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.

For additional resources and information, please visit our website. Stockton Unified School District will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. Thank you for your cooperation and support.