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Dear SUSD Students and Families,

The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.

This order goes into effect on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and will be in place until further notice.

Essential services will remain open such as:

- Gas stations
- Pharmacies
- Food: Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants
- Banks
- Laundromats/laundry services
- Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

The SUSD Meal Service and Distance Learning Packet distribution, scheduled to begin Monday, March 23, are essential services that will remain open. Families and students may still come to **[pick up food and packets](#)** throughout the duration of this order. Please remember to adhere to social distancing guidelines while picking up food and packets, and follow directions from SUSD staff and volunteers on site. Families are encouraged to access Distance Learning Packets online at **www.stocktonusd.net/LearnFromHome**.

While this order may feel alarming, it is a necessary step to prevent a worsening situation. The patterns of the virus around the world, and in our own state, tell us that moving right now to maximize social distancing and restrict people gathering is the best way to fight the virus and save lives. If everyone works together, we should be able to adjust to the new rules.

We know that there will be a lot of questions and concerns at the beginning of this new regimen. Families may visit the California COVID-19 website at **Covid19.ca.gov** for additional information and support. This is a major change being taken to protect public health. Please be patient and kind to one another. Together, we will get through this, and our community's health will be protected.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John E. Deasy'.

Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent