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Dear Stockton Unified Families,

Last night, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) made a [recommendation regarding the use of cloth face coverings](#), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. In adherence to the new and additional guidance, Stockton Unified will be enacting the following recommendations from the CDC immediately:

- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover or mask when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- The cloth face cover or mask is meant to protect in the event you are not displaying signs and symptoms.
- Cloth face covers can be created at home from simple household items. Please see the recommendations below.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover or mask is not a substitute for social distancing.

We are encouraging our families to please follow this recommendation from the CDC. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance. The Surgeon General has created a quick instructional video on how to produce your own cloth mask from household items, <https://youtu.be/tPx1yqvJgf4>. CDC has also provided [directions on making your own cloth face masks](#).

We want to thank each and every one of our staff members for your flexibility and support in serving the youth of Stockton Unified.

COVID-19 Information

Stockton Unified will continue to monitor the development of COVID-19 (coronavirus) and will plan accordingly, in partnership with local, state, and federal health and government officials. Stay up to date from SUSD regarding the pandemic on the district website at www.stocktonusd.net/COVID-19, where we continue to add resources and post updates as we learn more.

We remain committed to providing updates daily in this rapidly evolving matter. We encourage families that have questions to please use our Student Support Services Helpline for families and students during the COVID-19 school closure. The helpline will be available Monday through



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Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. If you have a medical or psychiatric emergency, please call 9-1-1. Stakeholders who contact the helpline at 209-933-7111 will have access to speak directly to or leave a message for District Nurses, Elementary and High School Counselors, Mental Health Clinicians, and Child Welfare and Attendance staff. Any messages left will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent