



DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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Dear Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents:

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Marin County Public Health is working closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor developments regarding the outbreak caused by Coronavirus, first identified in Wuhan City, China. There are now two confirmed cases in Southern California. There have been no confirmed cases in the Bay Area, and no persons under investigation for possible Coronavirus illness in Marin County.

The risk of spread of Coronavirus locally remains low at this time. People should not be excluded from school or activities based on their country of origin or recent travel if they do not have symptoms of respiratory illness. Residents, students, workers, and visitors should continue to engage in their regular activities and practice good hygiene as this is the height of flu season across the County.

If a student or staff member who has recently traveled to China develops fever, cough, or shortness of breath, they should stay home and contact their health care provider immediately. If identified at school, such individuals should be sent home and the school should contact Marin County Public Health at 415-473-4163 for additional guidance.

We encourage all students, parents, and staff to take common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases, including common illnesses like colds and flu.

- Encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick.
 - Those who have a fever at school should go home and stay home until fever-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.
 - Separate sick students and staff from others until they can be picked up to go home.
- Promote hand hygiene among students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and availability of soap and water and/or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Teach and encourage proper cough etiquette—cough or sneeze into a tissue, sleeve, or arm (do not use hands).
- Perform routine surface cleaning.

We will continue to be in close contact with the CDC, our local healthcare providers and you, our school community, to keep you up to date in this

rapidly changing situation. As you know, the health and well-being of our community is our first priority.

Sincerely,

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