

Coronavirus Guidance to Staff

Dear Team,

We are continuing to monitor the Coronavirus situation in San Diego County and throughout California, and we are communicating with state and local health officials, who continue to provide updated information about the diagnosis and management of cases of any local COVID-19, as applicable. So far, our region has only seen two positive cases, both having arrived on flights from China and were quarantined.

During this uncertain time, we believe the best thing the community can do to reduce their risk is to stay informed and focus on prevention. We wanted to provide some additional guidance, as it relates to PUSD staff:

- Please continue to practice good hygiene: Wash your hands frequently (if soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer), avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands, cough into the crook of your arm or into a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces - the following are a list of acceptable wipes approved for staff use at school sites by the Environmental Protection Agency:
 - Greenworks Compostable Cleaning Wipes
 - Lysol Daily Cleanser Wipes (white-top container)
 - Seventh Generation All-Purpose Wipes (white container)
 - Aunt Fannies Vinegar Wipes
- Stay home from work if you are sick. All staff members with fever (>100.4 F />38C) should remain home from work and other activities until they have had no fever for 24 hours, without fever medication. Please follow PUSD procedures for notifying your supervisor and reporting your absence.
- At school, separate sick students and staff from others until they can go home. When feasible, identify a “sick room” through which others do not regularly pass.
- If you have been to China in the past two weeks, please notify your supervisor and follow the recommendation of the CDC that requires you not return to work for 14 days from the day after you left the affected area. This will allow time for medical evaluations and to ensure the safety of everyone.
- If you travel/have traveled to the following countries in the past two weeks, please notify your supervisor and pay close attention to your health during travel and for 14 days after you leave: Iran, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong.
- No one should be excluded from school or activities based on their race or country of origin.
- As with other respiratory illnesses, certain populations of children may be at increased risk of severe infection, such as children with underlying health conditions. PUSD staff working with medically fragile students and early childhood education staff should remain diligent in their efforts to monitor for signs of illness and ensure good hygiene in the classroom.

Please review the handout provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on COVID-19: Guidance for Schools. If you have questions regarding your attendance, please contact your supervisor.

Thank you for your professionalism and patience as we work to manage this challenging situation.

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