

CERES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HEALTH UPDATE



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) • March 9, 2020

CUSD Families, Staff, and Community,

With new information emerging daily about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) respiratory illness, we remain committed to monitoring developments and following recommendations from the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (HSA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). As of March 9, there are zero confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Stanislaus County, and the risk to the general public remains low. We want to keep you updated on measures the Ceres Unified School District is already taking, as well as plans and preparations in place, to support health and safety within our school communities.

On March 7, the CDPH and California Department of Education issued new School Guidance meant to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state and safeguard those who are most vulnerable to severe illness. We are already following the guidance for **Scenario 1: Measures underway to prevent the spread of COVID-19**, which includes:

- Isolate and send home students and staff who present with fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms and/or who have returned from high-risk (Level 3) areas within the past 14 days;
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces with products known to kill viruses; and
- Encourage students, families, and staff to

take everyday preventive measures such as staying home when sick, practicing “respiratory etiquette,” and washing hands often.



We are prepared to implement, as needed, measures specific to each scenario outlined by the CDPH in its guidance for schools (link at left). We are also distributing additional supplies of hand sanitizer to classrooms, school offices, cafeterias and other common areas, with directions for staff to ensure students use the alcohol-based hand sanitizer at least twice daily, including before lunch.

CUSD will continue to work closely with health officials and communicate directly with you through ParentSquare as new information is available. Please notify us if your contact information needs updating, and be sure to share information only from reliable sources. Our Coronavirus webpage offers updates, links to the Centers for Disease Control and state and local departments of public health, and resources for understanding and preventing COVID-19 and communicating with children about this illness.

Thank you for partnering with CUSD in proactively addressing this developing situation, with ongoing guidance from the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency and California Department of Public Health.