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Information Regarding 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Updated: February 14, 2020

Dear Etiwanda School District Parents and Guardians,

Our District continues to closely monitor reports from public health officials regarding the novel (new) coronavirus, now officially named COVID-19. As of February 12, 2020, according to the California Department of Public Health, eight cases have been confirmed in California, including two from separate repatriation flights. There are no reported cases in San Bernardino County. Common symptoms of COVID-19 in an infected person include a fever, cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

On February 7, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued a [guidance for schools and school districts](#) regarding COVID-19. According to CDPH, the health risk to the general public in California remains low, but schools and families can take common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases.

CDPH recommends the following steps to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses by:

- Washing hands with soap and water.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Staying away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

Because the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is increasing over time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a guidance indicating that ***travelers from mainland China arriving in the United States, since February 3, 2020, should be excluded from school for 14 days, beginning the day after they left China.*** Parents and guardians of any Etiwanda School District students impacted by this travel guidance should contact their child's school office for assistance in arranging for independent study work to minimize the impact of any required absences on academic progress.

Individuals who have recently traveled to China and who become ill with fever, cough or shortness of breath should contact their health provider or local health department.

Parents and guardians of students are asked to continue to follow our [District's Illness Guidelines for Parents](#) in determining when a child should be kept home from school for illness, fever, vomiting/diarrhea, or other contagious conditions. Please contact the health office at your child's school if you have any illness related questions.

The Etiwanda School District will continue to work closely with our local Department of Public Health, as well as state and national agencies, and provide updated information to parents and guardians as it becomes available. Additional information regarding the novel coronavirus is available on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and [California Department of Public Health](#) websites. As always, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'J' being particularly large and stylized.

Shawn Judson, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Etiwanda School District

[Attachments](#)