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Dear Etiwanda School District Parents and Guardians,

Our District is closely monitoring reports regarding the novel (new) coronavirus. While two cases have been reported in California, no cases have been reported in San Bernardino County. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the two confirmed cases, one in Los Angeles County and one in Orange County, are persons who had recently returned from travels to Wuhan City, China. According to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH), common symptoms in an infected person include a fever, cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

In a [statement](#) released today, Dr. Erin Gustafson, San Bernardino County Assistant Health Officer stated, "DPH will keep citizens informed as more information about the coronavirus is made available. At this time we urge the public to remain calm, as it is very unlikely to be at risk of contracting the virus."

DPH recommends the following steps for any virus, especially during the flu season, to protect your health and the health of those around you:

- Washing hands with soap and water.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- If someone does become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough, they should stay away from work, school or other people to avoid spreading illness.

DPH urges individuals who have recently traveled to Wuhan City and who develop fever or respiratory symptoms, to contact their health provider by phone.

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 condition. 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, appearing to read "Judson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

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Superintendent  
Etiwanda School District

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