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FJUHSD Message: Coronavirus

At Fullerton Joint Union School District, the health and safety of our students is our top priority. The District has been monitoring the Coronavirus outbreak and has been working with the Orange County Health Care Agency on guidance. At this time, the Department of Public Health is reiterating that there is no immediate threat to the general public.

Center for Disease Control Health Guidelines
If you or someone you know has traveled to Wuhan and feel sick, please:
• Stay home and avoid contact with others, except for seeking medical care.
• Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor’s office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
• Do not travel while sick.
• Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

If you or someone you know is planning on traveling to Wuhan, the following are important steps to take:
• Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
• Avoid contact with sick people.
• Wash your hands with soap and water often and for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Stay home when you are sick
Stay home from work and school and try to avoid errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading the illness to others.

“Students and staff with influenza symptoms, including a fever, a cough or sore throat, should stay home and not attend classes or participate in other group activities for at least 24 hours after the fever resolves without the use of fever-reducing medications,” says Pamela Kahn, Orange County Department of Education’s coordinator of Health and Wellness.

Avoid close contact
Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
Cover your mouth and nose
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Flu and other serious respiratory illnesses, like respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), whooping cough, and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are spread by coughing, sneezing or unclean hands.

Clean your hands
Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Here is a three-minute video from the CDC about proper handwashing: https://youtu.be/eZw4Ga3jg3E

Practice other good health habits
Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food. For more flu prevention tips, visit http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/index.htm

For more information, visit the following websites:

Orange County Health Care Agency
- www.ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/epidasmt/epi/dip/prevention/novel_coronavirus

Orange County Department of Education
- https://newsroom.ocde.us/coronavirus-update/

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm

California Department of Public Health
- https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx

Thank you,

Fullerton Joint Union High School District