



***FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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***Office of the Superintendent***

March 5, 2020

Dear FJUHSD Community,

The District continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, situation. To prepare for possible community transmission of COVID-19, the most important thing for schools to do now is plan and prepare.

The District has been sharing updates on the virus with our schools, parents, staff members, and community members and will continue to work closely with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), California Department of Education (CDE), and the Orange County Health Care Agency. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published an Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) [Interim Guidance for Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#).

The CDC Guide states:

*“Health officials are currently taking steps to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 into US communities. Schools can play an important role in this effort. Through collaboration and coordination with local health departments, schools can take steps to disseminate information about the disease and its potential transmission within their school community. Schools can prepare to take steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among their students and staff should local health officials identify such a need.*

*Schools should continue to collaborate, share information, and review plans with local health officials to help protect the whole school community, including those with special health needs. School plans should be designed to minimize disruption to teaching and learning and protect students and staff from social stigma and discrimination. Plans can build on everyday practices (e.g., encouraging hand hygiene, monitoring absenteeism, communicating routinely) that include strategies for before, during, and after a possible outbreak.”*

On March 2, 2020, the Chief Communications Officer from the OCDE shared a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document with all Orange County school districts. A link to the FAQ is below:

[https://www.fjuhsd.org/cms/lib/CA02000098/Centricity/Domain/4/FAQs\\_on\\_potential\\_school\\_closures.pdf](https://www.fjuhsd.org/cms/lib/CA02000098/Centricity/Domain/4/FAQs_on_potential_school_closures.pdf)

As a reminder, OCHCA recommends practicing common sense public health measures. These measures include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### **Additional Information/Resources**

The following information was posted this morning on the Orange County Health Care Agency Facebook page. It states: “Rumor control: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has not issued any guidance saying visitors to LA should avoid public gathering spots due to COVID19. For our OC schools, neither we nor they are advising you cancel planned field trips to the LA area at this time.”



At this time approved field trips will proceed as planned. Students who elect not to attend an approved field trips will not be penalized.

Please review the following video from one of our District nurses:

[FJUHSD Wellness Covid19 3-5-2020.mp4](#)

The District is committed to communicating with students, parents, staff members, and the community in a timely manner. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Scambray".

V. Scott Scambray, Ed.D.  
Superintendent