

# Summerville Union High School District

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## **COVID-19 (coronavirus): Update to families: March 6, 2020**

We are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus (now named COVID-19) situation. As of this notice, there are no confirmed cases of coronavirus in Tuolumne County schools. As we continue to monitor, we're reaching out to provide additional information about precautions and preparations we are taking.

### **What are we doing now?**

Our County Office stays in continuous contact with agency partners such as California Department of Health Care Services, the California Department of Public Health - as well as the California Department of Education (CDE), local health officials and our neighboring counties - for ongoing information, guidance, and coordination. We have instituted an increase in the frequency of school cleaning procedures, methods and devices. This includes classrooms and high-traffic areas. Additionally, we are working with our school staff to educate students about the importance of proper and frequent handwashing, through a variety of materials and resources.

### **What can you do?**

Please continue to practice these strategies for staying healthy during cold and flu season:

- **Handwashing** remains our No. 1 defense against illness. Please wash hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If children are not feeling well while at school, or exhibiting signs of illness, have them check in with the teacher.
- Communicate all health concerns with your physician.
- If children have a fever, keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- The CDC does not recommend the use of face masks among healthy individuals; however, it is important that anyone wearing a mask be treated with respect and not fear. N95 respirator masks are not designed for and should not be worn by children.
- Get your flu shot. The flu vaccine won't protect against COVID-19, but it is highly recommended to help keep you healthy.

This is an evolving situation and we will update you regularly with important information and instructions. The safety and wellness of our students, staff, and families is our top priority.

### **Ways you can stay informed?**

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Sincerely,

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