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Re: General Notification of COVID-19

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together as a school community to follow guidance from the Tuolumne County Public Health to ensure the safety of all students and staff. We would like to inform you that we have recently received information about another confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) at Jamestown Elementary School. Due to contact tracing and to err on the side of caution, we are quarantining the students and staff involved. We have notified the parents/guardians of the students whose classrooms will be quarantined. Detailed enhanced cleaning of the classrooms and campus has been completed. The District continues to ensure that all health and safety precautions are followed by students and staff such as social distancing, wearing of face coverings and hygiene and handwashing practices. As the COVID-19 situation in our country and our community is developing quickly, we urge you to take necessary precautions to limit its spread.

How You Can Help

Please be proactive about reducing the number of interactions between students and staff by practicing physical distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart) to limit the spread of COVID-19. In addition to physical distancing, other important tools include wearing a face covering and practicing good hygiene. Important public health prevention measures include:

- **Stay at home when you are sick.** Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should remain home in isolation for a minimum of 10 days plus at least 24 hours after the resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) and improvement in other symptoms.
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Sing the “Happy Birthday” song to help know when it has been 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers that contain at least 60% alcohol.
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately.** If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to cover sneezes and coughs.
- **Limit close contact with people who are sick, and avoid sharing food, drinks, or utensils.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- **All students and staff should wear a mask or face covering while at school.** Health screening of students and staff for COVID-19 which includes asking about symptoms of illness and whenever possible, a temperature check prior to entering the facility will help keep the school safe.

Public Health Actions

All confirmed cases should be isolated and close contacts quarantined for 14 days from last exposure to prevent illness in new persons. “Close contact” means being a household member, intimate contact, or

caregiver of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case; within 6 feet of the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case for more than 15 minutes, even if wearing a non-medical face covering, or having unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions, for example, being coughed or sneezed on.

Please note that all information, including the name(s) of ill persons, shared regarding any Public Health investigation is confidential in order to protect patient privacy. Additionally, Jamestown School District cannot share any specific individual(s) identity or health information due to privacy laws.

For additional questions about Coronavirus in Tuolumne County, please visit the County Department of Public Health coronavirus webpage at <https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/250/Public-Health>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 209-984-5217 ext. 3150.

Sincerely,

David Croy

David Croy, Principal