



JAMESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mrs. Contessa Pelfrey, Superintendent

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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 several confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in staff and students. Those staff members and students are in isolation. We have completed contact tracing and all close contacts have been personally contacted by administration or by one of our response team members and will be quarantining at home. Enhanced cleaning has been completed, and 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 community is still of great concern, we urge you to take necessary precautions to limit its spread.

If anyone in your home has tested COVID positive, your children would be considered close contacts, and therefore do need to quarantine at home as well, regardless if they have symptoms or not. The only exception is if your child is vaccinated and the school office has proof of vaccination, in which case they may continue to attend school, if not symptomatic.

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:

- **Please stay at home when you are sick and keep your children home if they are exhibiting symptoms.** Anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should remain home and testing is recommended.
- **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.

Unfortunately, Jamestown School District does not have any more COVID at-home testing kits available to you. I know this creates a serious challenge for many families. In the meantime, please use the attached link to personally order at-home tests, <https://www.covidtests.gov/>.

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. 3154.

Sincerely,

Contessa Pelfrey

Contessa Pelfrey, Superintendent