

UPDATE TO THE CVUSD COMMUNITY ON NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) continues to work closely with and obtain guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local public health agencies to monitor the latest updates regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and ensure the well-being of students and staff. In light of new updates and directives from the CDC and local public health departments, CVUSD is implementing the following measures and is encouraging the following actions.

PREVENTION

The CDC reported the immediate risk of contracting COVID-19 currently remains low. In keeping with standard best practices, CVUSD encourages the following healthy habits to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Stay home if you are sick with respiratory symptoms. Students are required to stay home if they are ill with fever (100 degrees) and may return to school after being free from fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Wash hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and water (especially before and after eating, after restroom use, after coughing or sneezing).
- Cover mouth with elbow or tissue when coughing, throw tissue away and wash hands immediately.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean surfaces regularly.
- Get a flu shot.

PREPAREDNESS

As part of the CVUSD community, there are measures you can take to be prepared for any type of emergency. This is a good time to review your family's emergency plan and supplies, and an excellent time to create one if you haven't done so already. Some of the things you can do today are:

- Make sure you have enough water and non-perishable food to last for at least two weeks.
- Update or create your communications plan with your families or loved ones in case of an emergency.
- Have your medical providers contact information readily available for any questions.
- Have at least a two-week supply of prescribed medication/supplies available.

At CVUSD, we have emergency preparedness plans in place at every school and district site, which includes:

- Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSPs)
- Emergency evacuation maps
- Emergency supplies for each school site and district location
- Emergency Notification Systems

RESPONSE

Currently, the CDC and local public agencies do NOT recommend cancelling public events or closing schools. However, CVUSD is being proactive in preparing for any possibility should the need arise and/or if directed by the CDC and local public health agencies.

While health agencies may issue mandatory quarantines of individuals, CVUSD does not have the authority or responsibility to mandate or enforce quarantining of our students. CVUSD's mission is to educate students, which includes sharing accurate information regarding COVID-19 and sharing regular updates from health agency experts.

The CDC has requested that, starting February 3, 2020, people returning from travel to mainland China practice "social distancing" (staying home away from public places including school) in cooperation with the local San Bernardino Public Health Department. CVUSD respects the confidentiality of our students and will never share personal information of students with the public. Students who are practicing social distancing will receive support from our schools and CVUSD to facilitate continued learning at home.

We would like to remind everyone that according to the CDC, the threat to the general public for contracting COVID-19 remains low. We understand that this unprecedented situation may be stressful, but we continue encourage sensitivity in actions and words so as to avoid marginalizing segments of our community. Thank you for your partnership in helping to ensure that our students remain healthy and continue to learn in a safe and welcoming environment.

For your convenience, the following links are trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>