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Dear Principals and School Leadership,

**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS**

Please find enclosed the *Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) Novel Coronavirus Guidance for Schools*. Public Health is offering this resource to provide information about the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and to guide the management of students and staff who have returned to Los Angeles County from recently traveling to areas with known transmission of the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), or who have been in close contact with such individuals. This guidance is based on directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who are charged with the management of the response to the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) across the United States.

In addition, Public Health has set up a call center during business hours to serve as a resource for any questions school leadership may have about coronavirus. You may call 1-877-777-5799 Monday - Friday from 9am - 5 pm. In order to keep this line open for organizations like yours, we ask that you do not share this number with the general public. The general public should call 2-1-1.

Please visit the DPH Novel Coronavirus webpage for FAQs and other resources that can be shared with members of your school community: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>. Consider sharing the attached [FAQ](#) which addresses many common questions and concerns about novel coronavirus.

Thank you for your help in preventing the spread of novel coronavirus (2019 nCoV), and for your commitment to the health and wellbeing of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

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