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Dear TUSD Parents and Guardians,

We are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus (now named COVID-19) situation. Currently, County health officials report there are no known cases of coronavirus in San Joaquin County. We are monitoring the changes daily and will provide updates as they come available.

You may be aware that the disease has spread to other countries and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued new travel warnings with increased concern for South Korea, Japan, and Italy. Travel warnings for China have not changed, and the CDC has lowered their level of concern for travel to Hong Kong and Taiwan. Additional detail about these warnings can be found on the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

The CDC also recently shared that the coronavirus almost certainly will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now. We are working with county school and health officials to keep our campuses safe. Current information about the coronavirus is available on the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/> website.

As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus and flu, follow these important tips :

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds . If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer .
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick .
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surface s.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year .

Additionally, the California Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.

The Tracy Unified School District will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary . If you have questions about these topics, please contact TUSD's Office of Student Services at 209/830-3280. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,

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