

COVID-19 New Mitigation Stage

March 11, 2020

Dear Davis Waldorf School Parents and Friends,

Last night, the Placer and Yolo public health officials made a series of recommendations regarding COVID-19, attempting to slow its transmission.

We all are now entering a new phase that is considered critical to **slow the spread** of COVID-19 in our community.

In this new phase we are implementing the following California Department of Public Health guidance for schools:

Parents:

If your child has a condition that puts them at a higher risk for complications resulting from a disease (e.g. a weakened immune system) and you decide to keep them at home, this will be considered an excused absence.

If you have additional concerns or if your child has a medical condition that is aggravated by a respiratory illness, we recommend keeping your child home from school. This will also be considered an excused absence. When reporting your child will be out of school, please directly email office@daviswaldorf.org and copy your Early Childhood or Class Teacher indicating whether this is due to symptoms of illness, personal precaution, or non-medical reasons.

Faculty and Staff:

Teachers and staff will self screen (i.e., check themselves for fever and/or respiratory symptoms such as cough) each morning before interacting with students. Teachers and staff with any fever and/or respiratory symptoms will not come to work.

Jody Roach, our Director of Finance and Operations, will be telecommuting from home.

People over 60 years of age are more susceptible to and should stay away from the campus if possible.

Events and Large Gatherings are Postponed:

- All field trips are postponed effective Thursday, March 12 until Thursday, March 26.
- All non-essential gatherings are postponed, including the meet and greet with the new first grade, teacher Veronica Seidemann, on Thursday Night, March 12.
- The Early Childhood & Grades Parent meetings scheduled during the next two weeks are postponed.
- The Parent Child Program is postponed; classes will be made up at a later date.
- The 6th grade Treat Sale is cancelled for this week.
- The Eurythmy Assembly for grades 5-8 on Friday, March 13, is postponed.
- The Sound Bath this Saturday, March 14 is cancelled.

- The Annual Auction has been postponed until tentatively May 9th. -See the website for updates.
- The Parent Council meeting on March 19 is postponed.
- Handwork Circles on March 13 and March 20 are postponed.
- The Climbing Rose Grand Parents Day on March 20 is postponed.

We will be updating you as we receive recommendations from the Yolo County Health department.

The stage beyond mitigation is that if one student, teacher or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and others at the school have been exposed, then we, in consultation with the local public health department, will close. At that time, we will determine the length of the temporary closure. This follows the State Department of Public Health guidelines, we understand this will be highly disruptive and all our current efforts are focused on mitigation. The faculty is planning for this worst case scenario, and we will keep you updated as this situation develops.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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