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Dear Tracy Unified School District Families and Community,

San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) posted a press release late yesterday afternoon which informed us of the first laboratory-confirmed case of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in San Joaquin County. According to PHS, this individual was a passenger on the Grand Princess cruise ship; however, they were not on the cruise that is currently disembarking in Oakland.

As COVID-19 concerns continue to be a priority, we want to keep you updated on our plans for keeping our schools, students and employees safe. The Tracy Unified School District, is working closely with Public Health officials and the San Joaquin County Office of Education, and we will continue to provide families with new information when appropriate.

At this time, schools remain open and we continue to prepare to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While the progression of COVID-19 is still evolving, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention reports that for the general public, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low.

At a meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, the San Joaquin County Public Health Director in front of county school officials shared that should a student or staff member be positively identified with COVID-19 that she would dismiss school until a deep cleaning could take place, but that her intention would be that school would be closed no longer than a day or two. On all medical issues associated with COVID-19, TUSD will defer to the medical experts in our county (i.e. San Joaquin Public Health Department)

We have implemented additional sanitation procedures to our daily routines. The maintenance and operations team has increased methods and devices for cleaning and sanitizing at each of our TUSD schools for classrooms, restrooms, offices and common area spaces.

PHS and the California Department of Public Health remind us that a healthy school environment involves limiting exposure to germs from those who are ill. Please keep children home if they are unwell, symptomatic or contagious. Additionally, the most important way to prevent the spread of viruses at school AND at home is for all of us to be diligent with our own hygiene practices:

- People who are sick should stay home from work or school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
- 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. We supply our schools with hand sanitizer solution that meets public health requirements of 60% or greater alcohol-based.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Think about how to care for loved ones at home if they or you get sick, including how to prevent other family members from becoming infected.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our students and staff, and we take this responsibility seriously. We will continue to work closely with health officials to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.

For more information, we encourage you to visit the following websites:
Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>
TUSD page on COVID-19: <https://www.tracy.k12.ca.us/parentstudent-information/health-services/coronavirus-page>.

Sincerely,



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