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Dr. Kimberly Fricker

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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

As we learn more each day regarding the spread and concerns of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, we know that uncertainty and fear can often lead to panic and hysteria. This communication comes in an effort to offer both insight and preparation as we move forward. Please know that TCUSD is taking this situation with COVID-19 very seriously and out of an abundance of caution, we continue to plan for the safety and well-being of all students and staff members.

Under the guidance from the [California Department of Public Health](#) (CDPH), we continue to implement our action plan for responding to the various scenarios that have and might occur as we learn more about COVID-19 transmission. Currently, there are no known cases within our community and we are in Scenario I, but we are prepared to transition to the other Scenarios as they occur. Below, you will find the framework within which we continue to operate:

- ◆ **Scenario I: Measures already underway to prevent the spread of COVID-19** (no known cases within the San Gabriel Valley community)
  - Encourage handwashing, provide hand sanitizer, daily sanitizing of facilities
  - Isolate and send home all sick staff members and students
  - Self-isolation for any staff or students traveling from the highly affected areas
- ◆ **Scenario II: Measures to be taken if there are two or more community transmission cases of COVID-19, but no individuals within the school test positive** (includes all procedures and communications from Scenario I)
  - If cases of COVID-19 occur within our local community, limit large group gatherings
  - Communicate with families if children have been out for multiple days
  - Take necessary precautions to protect employees or students with compromised immune systems
- ◆ **Scenario III: Measures to be taken if one student, teacher or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and exposed others at the school**
  - TCUSD partners with local health officials to determine protocol for possible school closure
  - Teachers can connect with parents/students via Google Hangouts, Google Classroom, ClassDojo or other means; workbooks and hard copies of assignments also will be made available
  - If an exposure occurred at your student's school, please be aware local health officials could recommend self-isolation or quarantine
- ◆ **Scenario IV: Measures to be taken if multiple schools within a school district have a student, teacher or staff member test positive for COVID-19**
  - TCUSD relies on guidance from local health officials regarding districtwide closures
  - All items from Scenario III will be implemented to maintain continuity of teaching and learning

As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, we will continue to provide timely communication with the necessary details. Again, **we are currently in Scenario I** and have no intentions to close our schools at this time because no known cases of COVID-19 have been reported within the San Gabriel Valley. #staywelltcusd

Sincerely,  
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