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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

Today, we have received new information and guidelines from the [Los Angeles County Public Health Office](#). Although both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and our local public health office (DPH) have given us new guidelines and precautions, they explain “the threat to the general public for contracting coronavirus remains low.”

The following information comes from today’s news release from the CDC and DPH of Los Angeles County:

"[We are] requiring all U.S. citizens and their close family members returning from China to enter through one of eleven airports in the U.S. (including LAX), where they will be screened by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents. If travelers are showing signs of respiratory illness, they will be sent for additional testing to a health care facility. Those that were in the Hubei Province at any time in the past 14 days will be quarantined at a secure location and monitored for illness for 14 days from their last exposure. Returning travelers from other places in China who have been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus may also be subject to a quarantine for 14 days from last exposure. **Returning travelers from all other parts of China** who have not been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus will be allowed to travel to their final destination where they will be monitored by their local public health department and asked to remain in their homes and avoid public places for 14 days from last [potential] exposure."

In light of this new update, TCUSD asks any family who has recently traveled to any part of China within the past 14 days to remain at home for 14 days from the date of reentry into the United States and to contact your school site regarding this information. We thank the handful of families who have taken precautionary measures and shared open communication with our District Office or their school site.

In an effort to promote healthy habits, we ask that you remind your students to wash their hands frequently or use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not possible. Please remember that any student who has had a fever must remain at home until he/she has been fever free for 24 hours. Based on the guidelines from the CDC and DPH, TCUSD does not endorse the use of masks because they do not effectively protect from the spread of any virus. We do, however, encourage handwashing, hand sanitizing, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when ill with cough, fever and other symptoms.

Again, we would like to remind all of our families that the threat of contracting the coronavirus remains low. We will continue to take every precaution to keep our students and staff safe and well. We thank you for your support.
#staywelltcusd

Sincerely,

Kimberly Fricker

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Superintendent of Schools