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Dr. Kimberly Fricker

March 11, 2020

Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

Although as of today there are no confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 within the San Gabriel Valley, we know that there are people remaining in self-isolation within our community, and COVID-19 testing has increased as more tests have been made available. TCUSD continues to make decisions in accordance with guidelines established by local health officials and our County Office of Education.

In an effort to be proactive, TCUSD has decided to err on the side of caution and begin social distancing and postponement of large group gatherings. [Los Angeles Department of Public Health](#) (LADPH) has updated the total count of positive COVID-19 cases to 27 with two of these cases suspected to be from community transmission. While the [Pasadena Public Health Department](#) (PPHD) has indicated they have one individual who is awaiting test results, the city has no confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of this morning. Relying on this new information, TCUSD has communicated with our staff that we will use directives related to Scenario II:

- ◆ **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

Please know TCUSD understands the concerns of our parents and community and we appreciate the input and support our families have given us. We will continue to partner with you to keep our staff and students safe and healthy.

Our goal right now is to implement the precautions of social distancing and close monitoring of any staff or students who have become ill in recent days. We will be updated by local health officials if any of our school community members were to be tested for COVID-19. TCUSD understands the hardship a school closure would be for many of our families, and we hope to avoid this at all cost, which is why we continue to take precautions to slow the transmission of illness.

Lastly, during the non-student day on Monday, March 16, 2020, our dedicated custodians will be performing additional deep-cleaning and disinfecting tasks on all of our campuses. TCUSD remains confident that all of these additional measures will continue to ensure the safety and well-being of our TCUSD community. #staywelltcusd

Sincerely,
Kimberly Fricker
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Superintendent of Schools