



# TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Kimberly Fricker

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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

With the recent updates from both the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and the [Los Angeles County Public Health Office](#) (LADPH), we would like to communicate the most recent and up to date information regarding what we have learned from our County Office of Education and local public health officials. Although recent news reports reveal that a [community spread](#) of the virus should be expected, it is important to note that as of today, there has only been one documented case in Los Angeles County since the first cases in the US were reported, and the threat to our community remains low at this time. The safety and well-being of all our students and staff remain our top priority.

TCUSD will continue to send and post updates as we learn new information. We are in regular contact with local health officials and our County Office of Education. We will continue to follow their guidance and share any and all communication we receive while maintaining the precautions we have listed in previous communications.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy campus, TCUSD asks our families to follow these guidelines and requirements for keeping your student(s) home from school:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or above
- Students must be fever-free **without** fever-reducing medication (such as Tylenol or Motrin) for at least 24 hours before returning to school
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea. Student may return to school 24 hours after last episode
- Uncontrollable cough or wheezing or shortness of breath
- Suspected communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox)
- Suspected infections
- A rash of unknown origin – student may return to school when written authorization is received from the health care provider
- Students must stay home for the first 24 hours on antibiotic therapy

In order to help prevent the spread of illness, including the coronavirus, TCUSD will continue to take the following preventative measures:

- Clean and sanitize desktops each day
- Allow and encourage students and staff to wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible (campuses will be equipped with available hand sanitizer)
- Remind students and staff to cough or sneeze into their bended elbow or cover with a tissue
- Immediately discard any used tissues (do not reuse)
- Send any staff member or student home who is presenting signs of illness such as fever and or severe coughing
- Direct all staff and students with illness to follow the rule that anyone with symptoms must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours before the return to the campus.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly Fricker*

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Superintendent of Schools