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Dr. Kimberly Fricker

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Dear TCUSD Parents/Guardians,

This communication details the [updates](#) given this morning by [Dr. Barbara Ferrer](#), director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Los Angeles County is reporting that as of this morning there are six new cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the county, but the number of cases will continue to be updated as more tests are conducted.

In her news briefing, Dr. Ferrer stated that the person with the original case of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County has fully recovered and the six new cases resulted either from travel outside of the country or close contact with someone who had the virus outside of Los Angeles County; however, during her conference, an additional case was announced by Kaiser Permanente with no details at that time. Although Dr. Ferrer said we can expect to see more cases of COVID-19 within our county, she did reiterate that the information about these new cases “means as of today, we still don’t have known cases of community transmission.”

Additionally, Dr. Ferrer explained that because more testing is occurring, we will likely find more COVID-19 cases. She reassures us that “[Local health officials] will ensure that people who test positive for the novel coronavirus and their close contacts are quickly identified and closely monitored and supported while they are in isolation and/or quarantine.” The Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LADPH) will continue to guide and advise public schools on how to take precautions in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. State, County and City officials have reiterated that movements to declare a state of emergency at any level exemplify proactive planning and neither panic nor fear.

TCUSD continues to place the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of our priorities. Please review the list of precautions we have posted in our earlier [communications](#), and continue to spread the word regarding the following best practices:

- Stay home if you are ill (specifically with fever or severe cough)
- Regularly wash your hands for 20 seconds throughout the day
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard it or cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your face
- If you have traveled outside the US within the last 14 days, contact your school office

Thank you for your continued support throughout this difficult time. We will continue to update our families and staff each week as the situation with COVID-19 evolves. #staywelltcusd

Sincerely,

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