



March 12, 2020

To All RBUSD Staff and Parent/Guardian Community:

As we continue to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families, we end the week with quickly evolving COVID-19 updates:

- RBUSD has no reported cases of COVID-19.
- We continue to collaborate with the LA County Department of Public Health, the Beach Cities Health District, and the LA County Office of Education, our neighboring school districts, and the City of Redondo Beach City Manager to ensure our proactive and coordinated measures are in place.
- As I shared in my previous letter, it must be said again. Team RBUSD is focused on facts, science, and securing medical experts to continue to guide us in this process. Conspiracy theories, social media (mis)information, hearsay, and fiction will not guide Team RBUSD. In fact, there have already been two erroneous social media stories that stated two of our schools were closed due to the coronavirus.
- Our District's COVID-19 Response Team has been meeting regularly, including today, to ensure that our contingency planning is detailed and thorough, yet nimble and agile enough to respond to rapidly changing information.

***Effective immediately, out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our students, staff, and school community, we have made the following decisions:***

- **All field trips and student/staff travel are being suspended through the end of spring break (April 12<sup>th</sup>).**
- **Any events involving our parent community with anticipated attendance of more than 250 people are being suspended. This includes whole school assemblies, performing arts events, and the like.**
- **We will be limiting visitors to campus. We are asking all classroom volunteers and docents for various programs (such as Hands on Art and Garden and Nutrition) to refrain from coming on to campus from now through the spring break period.**
- **As you might presume, these exclusions may be extended beyond the spring break timeline. We will send regular updates as new information is learned and decisions are made.**

Our custodial staff continues to enhance and increase their cleaning and sanitizing methods. We are particularly focused on “high touch” areas at each school site and department. Think about who the heroes are thus far in this process—*it's our custodians*. The next time you see your custodian, please share your gratitude.

While the risk of transmission remains low, we continue to work with the following agencies to gather information and guidance. This is the best, most comprehensive information regarding this virus:

- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#)
- [Los Angeles County Office of Education](#)
- [California Department of Public Health](#)
- [California Department of Education](#)

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- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Beach Cities Health District

Washing one's hands continues to be the most effective practice to avoid COVID-19. Stay home when you are sick; and do not return until 72 hours after no fever and/or persistent cough. Avoid touching the face. Cover coughs or sneezes with tissue or sleeve. Get a flu shot. And, if possible, limit close contact with people who are sick.

Finally, our schools are open. We are following the guidance and direction provided by the LA County Department of Public Health. If something changes, they will notify us immediately and, of course, we will notify you.

Thank you for your continued diligence and support of our students. Our learning community's adult population (that's us!) is critical in continuing a safe, calm, and caring Redondo Beach Unified School District.

Sincerely,

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