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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to share with you the latest information regarding the coronavirus/COVID-19 in a continued effort to keep our schools safe. The Center for Disease Control has cautioned that the coronavirus/COVID-19 may likely spread to communities in the United States. Since the onset of the virus, our District has taken proactive measures.

While there is still only one confirmed case of the coronavirus/COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, we want to assure you that our District is working very closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, who in turn are working closely with the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, to obtain the most up to date information and best practices for keeping our schools and community safe. In following the direction of the Center for Disease Control, we have increased our local efforts in refining protocols for our schools in the event that the coronavirus/COVID-19 does spread in our county.

Since the onset of the virus, our District has taken proactive measures and instituted the following:

- Our District Lead Nurse has and will continue to work closely with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, Centers for Disease Control and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, including participating in regular conference calls with local agencies, and will keep our health professionals and school leadership informed of the latest updates.
- Since February 4, 2020, our District has followed the direction of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requiring that any person who has returned from mainland China, is required to be on a mandatory 14-day self-isolation/social distancing period and is not permitted to be in school. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will continue to monitor the health status of all individuals during and after the self-isolation/social distancing period.
- The District has increased daily cleaning protocols, with our custodial staff cleaning high-frequency areas such as door knobs, tables and playground equipment more frequently. Additional cleaning teams have been added to operate Clorox 360 electrostatic cleaning system machines. These machines spray disinfectant mist throughout the classroom and school facilities, including our school buses, on a rotating schedule. Again, this cleaning system is in addition to our regular daily cleaning and disinfecting.
- All of our restrooms, including elementary classroom sinks, are well-equipped with soap and towels, and custodial staff are continuously checking to ensure they are stocked so that students can wash hands regularly including before/after lunch and during breaks. Hand sanitizer is also available in every classroom.

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As a reminder, as has always been our practice, if your child is feeling ill please keep them home from school. ***If your child has a fever or respiratory symptoms such as cough/difficulty breathing, we ask that they remain at home and you contact your medical provider. Consistent with our regular practice, if your child has a fever greater than 100° F, they will be sent home from school and must not return until they are fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication.***

To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including the coronavirus/COVID-19 and flu, please follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Get vaccinated every year.

For the latest and most accurate information, please visit the Los Angeles County Public Health's website at: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

If you have further questions about these topics, please contact our Student Services Department at (626)935-8281.

We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,



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