



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Westminster School District continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, situation.

As you may be aware, the County of Orange has declared a local health emergency to prepare for COVID-19. While there has been only one confirmed case in Orange County and that individual has recovered, the Orange County Health Care Agency continues to engage and monitor the rapidly changing worldwide response to COVID-19. The intention of county officials is to prepare and prevent, not panic the community.

The California Public Health Agency encourages students, parents and staff who have traveled to Mainland China to stay home from school for 14 days as a precaution. Additionally, the California Public Health Agency encourages all of us to continue taking everyday preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including:

- Staying home when sick
- Washing hands frequently
- Covering coughs with a sleeve or tissue
- Having ample tissues within easy reach
- Routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces

If you're exhibiting symptoms, please seek medical attention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The CDC also recently shared that the Coronavirus almost certainly will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now. The Westminster School District is working with county health officials to establish protocols for schools in the event that Coronavirus does spread in Orange County. More information will be shared as this plan develops. In the meantime, current information about the Coronavirus is available on the [CDC](#), [California Department of Public Health](#) and [O.C. Health Care Agency websites](#).

Student safety is a top priority and WSD staff will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide you with any necessary updates. For the latest information regarding the Novel Coronavirus, please visit: [WSD Health Services Webpage](#), <https://newsroom.ocde.us/coronavirus-update/> or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. We thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cyndi Paik
Superintendent
Westminster School District