



March 5, 2020

Dear Lennox Families,

As a result of today's call for a State of Emergency by Los Angeles County Officials, the Lennox School District will continue to work with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and Los Angeles Department of Public Health (DPH) to monitor the spread of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and take proper precautions. We are following their guidelines to help ensure the health and safety of all of our students and staff.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation is rapidly evolving and expanding globally. Although there is currently no imminent threat of school closures in LA County, we will work with local districts to create uniform procedures in the unlikely event that we need to consider school closures. As of today's notification, we still do not have known cases of community transmission, so we encourage our families to continue to send healthy students to school.

In the event of community transmission, public health interventions will vary depending on local conditions. In the event the DPH calls for a suspension of classes, we will follow their guidelines and protocols for this type of public health emergency. The District is in the planning stage of developing a school closure protocol, including how instruction would be provided in the event of a school closure.

You may refer to the County of Los Angeles public health to learn more here. Attached is a short, yet clear, informational flyer from DPH on the Coronavirus. Additionally, our school website includes information on the Coronavirus for staff and parents.

We need to engage in simple, yet effective, measures for combating the spread of the Coronavirus as we do for any cold or flu virus.

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve
- Avoid contact with sick people • Stay home if you are sick
- Limit physical contact to avoid the transmission of germs (i.e.) handshakes, hugs, high fives

We will continue to share updates with you, as information is made available to the district. Our diligent custodial staff continues to follow appropriate cleaning protocols.

Sincerely,

Becki Blanco  
Chief Instructional Officer

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