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Dear OVSD Parents:

As you undoubtedly know, the coronavirus, or COVID-19, is causing concern in the general public, and we wish to reassure you that we continue to monitor the situation closely. Above all, we are committed to protecting students and staff in learning environments that are safe and inclusive. This communication provides updated information and guidance.

General Information:

- There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in OVSD schools.
- Orange County does not have a COVID-19 outbreak at this time, and the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is still considered low, according to the OC Health Care Agency (HCA).
- The HCA is not recommending changes to routine, everyday activities.
- Symptoms most commonly include a fever with a cough or shortness of breath, though some may experience lesser symptoms or none at all. A headache, sore throat, or runny nose may also occur.
- If any student or staff member is suspected to have the virus, we will immediately contact public health officials, who will determine the need for further restrictions and/or public notifications.
- We continue to enforce California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines: Students and staff who have traveled to China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea, as well as individuals who have been exposed to people with COVID-19, will be excluded from school for 14 days. In addition, students who are newly enrolling from China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea will be excluded from school for 14 days also.
- Our school district continues to receive guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and California Department of Public Health, and we are in close contact with the Orange County Health Care Agency and the Orange County Department of Education. Should an outbreak occur, we will work in concert with our expert partner agencies to determine the appropriate steps to keep our students and staff safe.
- Any decisions to close a school will be made in consultation with the Orange County Health Care Agency. Considerations for length of time for closure will be based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer. In consultation with the local public health department, school officials may determine readmission criteria after the school closures.
- At this time, we ask that only healthy individuals enter our campuses. We are requesting that visitors diligently self-monitor their health and refrain from entering any school if they are experiencing even a minor health issue. Visitors that exhibit any sign of respiratory illness are strictly prohibited from coming on campus.

- All children and staff with respiratory symptoms and a fever greater than 100.4 degrees should remain home and avoid school-based activities until the fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
- We are encouraging students and staff to practice regular hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing. Our custodial staff will refresh paper towels and soap as needed.

Steps you can take

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. However, the CDC recommends these proven steps to help stop the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Use a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing. Throw used tissues in the trash immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds..

Additional Resources

This remains a rapidly evolving situation, and the complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not fully understood. We will continue to send you communication as we receive new information and please visit our website for coronavirus updates, resources, and information at www.ovsd.org. The resources below, which are posted on our website, are also good sources of information.

Orange County Health Care Agency: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/>

OCDE Newsroom: <https://newsroom.ocde.us/>

California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Thank you for all you do to keep our schools and students safe.

Dr. Carol Hansen
Superintendent