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March 11, 2020

Dear ESUHSD Community,

Student and staff safety is our primary concern. Our efforts are designed to be proactive and informative. Our efforts are not because we are afraid, but because your health is a priority and we want to “flatten the curve” to slow the spread of the COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus).

Be assured that we are closely monitoring and following the direction of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. As of this morning (Wednesday, March 11) both agencies continue the guidance that school sites remain open and students who are well continue to attend school. As such, we will continue to mark in our attendance system any student who chooses to not attend school, based on the concern of contracting the COVID-19 virus, as “Unexcused.” That being said, we also understand that families can still make a choice to keep their child(ren) at home during this time, and, for the next few weeks, we will not be taking any truancy action or disenrolling students accruing “Unexcused Absences”. However, please be informed that we do not have the capacity to provide instructional support for healthy students who stay at home. If a student has extenuating health circumstances, please contact your site administrator to identify appropriate next steps.

As a District, we are instituting enhanced cleaning of our school sites and reinforcing hand washing best practices, as recommended by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. In addition, we are working with the Santa Clara Public Health Department and Santa Clara County Office of Education to monitor student and staff absences. If staff members or students are showing any flu-like symptoms, they should stay home.

We will continue to communicate information to our parents and staff as it becomes available. Attached to this email and located on our website (www.esuhd.org) are guidelines to frequently asked COVID 19 questions. We are not able to respond to every email or phone call. We ask that you please refer to this document as it will be updated on a regular basis on the District’s website (www.esuhd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris D. Funk".

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East Union High School District

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Actions, Updated March 11, 2020

Area	Actions	Effective Start Date	Projected End Date	Date of Reconsideration
School Cancellation	The Santa Clara County Public Health Department is “not recommending school closures at this time because children have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from this virus. As much as possible, children should be allowed to carry on with their education and normal activities.” CDC and County Public Health still believe schools are safe. We believe school provides a lot of continuity for many families. If the risk level changes, we will consider closures, in collaboration with County Public Health, based on the given facts and circumstances of the case(s). ESUHSD is not considering voluntarily closing schools as this would cause significant disruption to our community.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	daily
Meetings, Gatherings, and Events	The most recent guidance from Santa County Public Health Department is that there are four considerations in evaluating events: 1) The size of the gathering; 2) The mix of individuals from various areas and age brackets; 3) The ability of individuals at events to remain at arms-length, distance from each other, and; 4) The duration of the event. Examples include events, performances, parent meetings, field trips, and fundraisers. You will be receiving information from your school/District about what events are affected.	March 6, 2020	April 3, 2020	daily
Sports	All league-sanctioned events and practices remain as scheduled. Spectators should stay at arm’s length from each other, and high-risk spectators are discouraged from attending.	March 6, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 3, 2020
Student Attendance	If you are keeping your child home due to concerns regarding COVID-19, please notify your school. After five days, a doctor’s note is required. Please know that state and county educational agencies have made it clear that students <u>should not</u> receive excused absences for this reason. An exception would be for children whose parents are under quarantine, in coordination with their health care provider and/or employer. If you have concerns, please reach out to your principal.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Students with Pre-Existing Health Concerns	Some children have underlying health conditions, such as weakened immune systems, that put them at higher risk. Caregivers of children with underlying health conditions should consult with healthcare providers about whether their children should stay home. Nurses and/or administration will work with families on a case-by-case basis to make appropriate accommodations.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	regularly

Communication about Potential Cases	If any of our students or families are confirmed as having Coronavirus, Public Health would be in contact with us. Public Health would track, follow up, and guide us in any notifications to families. Once a potentially exposed student is cleared from quarantine, Public Health would notify us, and the District would work to coordinate a student's return to school. As always, ESUHSD would treat situations relating to students' health with sensitivity and with confidentiality, as outlined in federal law (*FERPA). The District will communicate to all stakeholders (staff and students) <u>only confirmed ESUHSD cases of COVID-19.</u>	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	daily
Wearing Masks at School	The Centers for Disease Control and County Public Health do not recommend healthy people wear masks because they are not effective and sometimes cause breathing difficulty. ESUHSD will not be providing masks to students. However, if parents want their children to wear masks, schools will honor that request as long as it does not become a classroom distraction.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite
External Programs for Students	All programs provided to students by external partners (such as Goodwill Assets) remain as scheduled subject to the determination of the provider.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	indefinite
Health Care Protocol for Students	Students with symptoms of illness will be assessed by a school nurse/health clerk/assigned staff member and may be sent home. Students must be picked up by a parent or person on their emergency contact list. A student with a fever and respiratory symptoms will be put in an isolation area with a face mask, if tolerated, while awaiting pick up.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Health Care Protocol for Employees	Employees with symptoms of respiratory illness should be assessed by a health care provider and may be sent home. Employees with a fever and respiratory symptoms will be isolated until able to leave.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Health Care Protocol for Staff when Home	Employees with flu-like symptoms should stay home until they are feeling better. Employees with a fever and respiratory symptoms should remain home until cleared by a health care provider.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Cleaning	We are currently cleaning for flu prevention, with special attention to door handles, drinking fountains, and computers. The disinfectants used are effective also against Coronavirus.	Feb. 3, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Hand Cleanliness	We remind students and staff members about handwashing, which should be done multiple times a day. We have provided hand sanitizer bottles to every classroom, as well as in the process of installing permanent antiseptic foam dispensers in every classroom and common area.	Feb. 3, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Food Service	Food and Nutrition Services are changing self-serve food procedures to reduce student hand contact with food items. Gloves are provided to employees.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020
Travel	We will continue to inform all of our families of travel restrictions. We may ask families where they have traveled and have our nurses screen students if there are concerns.	March 6, 2020	June 4, 2020	April 3, 2020

*FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Family Act