

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents, Staff, and Community Members,

On March 11, 2020, Governor Inslee issued a formal proclamation in an effort to slow the spread and exposure of COVID-19 in King, Pierce and Snohomish counties. Public gatherings of more than 250 people are now prohibited in these counties. These gatherings include but are not limited to: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based, or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers and similar activities.

During the evening of March 11, 2020, Chelan-Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Health Districts announced a unified advisory for county residents to follow the Governor's proclamation.

Per the Governor's proclamation and the unified county advisory, the Oroville School District has made the decision **to cancel all indoor sports, meetings that gather the public inside District facilities, and non-essential instructional events.** This is effective immediately. Events that are cancelled may be rescheduled as health advisories become available.

The current guidance from health authorities is that outdoor athletic practices and competitions may continue and **will not** be affected by this cancellation at this time. Small-setting activities that are instructional extensions of the school day, such as 21st Century after school tutoring and/or student led conferences are **not cancelled** at this time. Fieldtrips and school travel will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

We will continue to re-evaluate the situation as information and advisories become available.

Possible School Closures:

At this point, the unified county advisory is **not recommending** closing schools.

In the event of an extended district-wide closure, the District is in consideration of conducting school through a remote learning experience using available technologies. In the coming days, please expect to be asked to complete a brief survey regarding your available technology at home. The District will use School Messenger to survey you for this critical information in order to better accommodate for your child's remote learning experience. Should you not have adequate technology at home, an instructional program can still be provided.

It is very important that you provide your school office staff with any updates to your contact information (i.e. email, cell number, and address). Also, in order to receive informative text messages through School Messenger, you must indicate your willingness to receive text messages to your mobile phone. The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply text any one of the following words to the number 67587: subscribe, optin, yes.

Please continue to communicate and use the **Preventative measures** communicated with you by the District on March 2 & 6, 2020:

- Much like the flu, the best defense for preventing illness and the spread of the virus is to practice the following universal precautions: Practice Routine Hygiene, Stay Home When You are Sick, and Communicate with your health professionals.
- Additionally, if you have immediate health questions regarding Coronavirus, please contact the Washington State Health Department COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-525-0127, then #

Thoughtfully,

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