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As the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to be the focus of National and Local news, it is imperative that we remember that we are still in a cold and flu season and mitigation and preparedness are critical measures everyone can take to help stop the spread of any communicable disease.

Currently, we are staying in close communication with the El Dorado County Public Health Department as they continue to perform their contact analysis of people who have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 either as travelers or because of a connection to a family member.

As part of this analysis, to this date, EDC Public Health has not informed us that any of our PUSD families have been contacted. We have also not been informed of any positive cases within El Dorado County. As you are well aware children and young adults are the least susceptible to COVID-19.

Additionally, due to FERPA laws, specific student, family and/or staff information is strictly confidential. Should people need to be notified of a public health contact analysis, PUSD will work closely at the direction of public health to provide such communication.

In our efforts to keep students, families and staff safe by taking steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we also need to help reduce anxiety and fear for students, families and staff by mitigating the spread of rumors, blame and/or false information. We are bringing in additional custodial staff to help with the cleaning and wiping down of all surfaces including outside surfaces such as playground equipment that students touch each day.

As stated in previous communications following these recommendations will greatly reduce your risk:

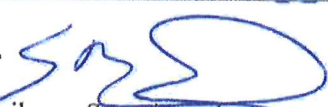
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Stay home when you are sick. Remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe.
- Be sure to get a flu vaccine! It is not too late, even though it won't protect against COVID-19, it IS highly recommended.

For additional and timely information please check the following websites;

<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/pressreleases/2020/Pages/Coronavirus-19-%28COVID-19%29---Local-Preparedness-and-Precautions.aspx>

[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/Coronavirus%20K-12%20Schools%20Guidance%202\\_7\\_20%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/Coronavirus%20K-12%20Schools%20Guidance%202_7_20%20FINAL.pdf)

Sincerely,

  
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