



Date: March 2, 2020

To: Madera Unified School District Parents and Staff:

Re: CDC Statements Regarding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

The Madera County Department of Public Health is taking preemptive measures to address concerns that may arise in our community. We have been closely tracking the progress of COVID-19, and the Department of Public Health has created a webpage dedicated to providing information to the public on this disease. The immediate risk still remains low for the U.S. public at this time, and there have been no cases reported in Madera County or surrounding counties.

The Madera Department of Public Health has plans in place to protect students and families and to limit exposure. Look to trust-worthy sources of information such as the CDC and the Madera County Department of Public Health website and Facebook page. Misinformation can be as harmful as any disease. As with any virus, especially during the flu season, there are a number of very effective steps that you can take to protect your health and those around you:

- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose or sneezing.
- Clean surfaces and objects you use often.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Do not send your student to school if they have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you updated as we learn more. We also encourage concerned parents and staff to visit the Department of Public Health webpage at <https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-health> for more information.

Sincerely,

Todd Lile
Superintendent,
Madera Unified School District