



# Southern Humboldt Unified School District

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Dear Southern Humboldt Families:

As you are likely aware, on Tuesday, February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) gave a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19), and what steps should be taken moving forward. We wanted to share with you some information to prevent the spread of illness across our campuses, and plan for the possible, but highly unlikely, spread of the coronavirus in our community:

For up-to-date information regarding the novel coronavirus, see:

- the California Department of Public Health website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>  
or
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Continue enforcement of proper hygiene practices like washing hands thoroughly with soap and water and covering up coughs/sneezes
- Ask all faculty, staff, and students who are feeling ill to stay home until they recover

As the CDC emphasized, there is not currently a coronavirus pandemic in the United States. A pandemic occurs when a disease is spreading from a variety of sources across a large region, and the number of cases across the US is still very small. However, given how quickly the global situation is evolving, we are monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions as necessary.

Southern Humboldt USD will alter our advice and guidance should the situation change. Everyone should be thinking ahead regarding the impact of spring travel and other non-typical school activities will have in the context of the coronavirus. We will communicate any changes when the time is appropriate.

It is important to remember that handling the spread of a serious contagion like the coronavirus is primarily a task for public health agencies. Any directives from the World Health Organization, CDC, or our local health department should be followed.

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of our community. As further information becomes available, we will certainly share with you.

Sincerely,

Don Boyd, Superintendent  
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