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Our District remains in close contact with El Dorado County Public Health and El Dorado County Office of Education to receive DAILY updates regarding COVID-19. We need to remember that according to El Dorado County Public Health, the risk of transmission of the virus remains very low for the general public. To date, we have NO cases of exposure to the virus. The El Dorado County Public Health Department will let us know if we have anyone who has the virus or who has been exposed.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: How are student absences being handled?
A: All absences due to illnesses are excused with parent confirmation, per Ed Code 48205. If students are NOT ill and they are kept home, the absence is considered unexcused.

Q: Are there plans to alter or cancel field trips, school dances, etc.?
A: As of March 12 we are postponing or canceling field trips, dances, galas, large assemblies, etc.

Q: Are additional sanitization procedures taking place at sites and in classrooms?
A: Yes, we are using medical grade sanitizers in classrooms and all parts of the school sites. Custodians are sanitizing desks, knobs, tables, and other high traffic areas daily. Teachers have students wash their hands several times a day, or use hand sanitizer. All soap dispensers and paper towel holders will be checked and filled daily.

Q: What if a student catches the virus?
A: Any time a student is CONFIRMED to have a communicable disease, the District communicates with El Dorado County Public Health for directives and guidance to prevent the spread of the specific communicable disease. This would apply to any other reportable health conditions as well, such as H1N1, TB, Meningitis, etc.

Q: who will make a decision to close schools?
A: If an outbreak occurs, and school closures are recommended or ordered, decisions will be made following discussion between the school district, El Dorado County Public Health, and El Dorado County Office of Education. We will also consider guidance from the California Department of Education.

Q: What if a member of a student's or staff's immediate family is diagnosed? Are all quarantined in that household?
A: If students of staff come in contact with someone confirmed to be an infected person they should stay home, contact their medical provider, and call El Dorado County Public Health at (530) 642-7164.

Q: What happens if a child is symptomatic with flu/cold symptoms?
A: If a child is symptomatic (for example: fever greater than 100.4, shortness of breath, cough, congestion), they should stay home and contact their personal physician for further guidance. A child may return to school once fever free for 24 hours without medication. If they are at school, and begin to feel sick, they should check in with the health office.

Q: Does the District have an emergency response plan specifically for pandemics?
A: In an actual event, RUSD would refer to our planned protocols for an emergency response. Specific pandemic response activities will be highly dependent on emerging data and direction provided by health authorities. Should a site or the district need to be closed for any length of time, we have a short term solution and a long term solution. The short term solution would be in place if a site or the district must close for ten days. We have created work packets for students, by grade level, that will be available for students in the event that the school or district is closed for ten days. If the closure is longer than ten days, we will provide focused academic lessons for students that can be completed at home as paper/pencil opportunities or online.

To learn more about COVID-19, including the latest information, visit the CDPH
website: https://bit.ly/36CjxNg or the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html