



RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Good morning Rescue families,

First of all, I know we are feeling uncertain about COVID-19. I do have great confidence in our public health agencies, EDCOE, and our amazing RUSD families, teachers, staff and administrators as we continue navigating this unprecedented and rapidly changing situation. As always, please take care of yourselves, your families, and one another.

Current circumstances do demand that we take additional steps as of today, although thankfully, we still do not have a positive case in our entire county. As some of you may have seen on the news last night, Governor Newsom has recommended we take further precautions at this time. Our county public health department and EDCOE concurs.

We will begin the following as of today:

- * Large gatherings that include 250 people or more will be postponed or canceled at least through the month of March. (This includes gatherings such as large assemblies, galas, dances, rallies, school sporting events, etc.)
- * Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person will be postponed or canceled, such as in crowded auditoriums, rooms, or other venues. (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ATTENDANCE AT REGULAR SCHOOL CLASSES, WORK, OR ESSENTIAL SERVICES).
- * We will stagger recesses so that fewer children are outside in the same place at once.
- * Overnight trips will be canceled at least through the month of March.* Field trips outside El Dorado County will be canceled at least through the month of March.
- * We will stagger the large lunch groups - for example have half the students eat first and play second. Then switch and the students who ate first, go play and the students who played first, they go eat lunch.

The public health agencies will continue monitoring this guidance information. They will regularly reevaluate the continued public health need for these restrictions and keep us informed of any changes.

We know that you care deeply about your children and we want you to know we take their safety and well-being very seriously as well. We will continue to keep you informed and updated as we receive new information and/or further recommendations. We know we will get through this together.

Most sincerely,

Cheryl Olson, Superintendent