



## RESCUE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Rescue Staff and Families,

Now that novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is circulating in the U.S. and Northern California communities, it is imperative that we remember we are still in a cold and flu season. Mitigation and preparedness are critical measures everyone can take to help stop the spread of any communicable disease.

Additionally, as members of RUSD, we all care deeply about Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds and Healthy Learning. This means that we not only work to protect the health and well-being of our students, staff and families (by properly washing our hands, covering our coughs and/or sneezes and staying home if we have a fever or not feeling well), we also protect our staff and students through behavioral and mental health means by helping to reduce student, staff and family anxiety, fear, shame and vulnerability. We also want to assure you that our custodial staff is taking extra time and care to disinfect desks, tables, door knobs, and other high-use areas on a daily basis. Teachers are also providing hand sanitizer to students throughout the day, and as well as encouraging hand washing.

Currently, we are working very closely with El Dorado County Public Health 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 RUSD families have been contacted.

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, we 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.

In order to be better prepared to stay safe and calm, everyone can do their part by being informed about what COVID-19 is, what the symptoms are, practice preventative measures and help reduce anxiety and misinformation. Please refer to our website and Facebook page for additional information about COVID-19. We will continue to keep you informed.

Most sincerely,

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