



KINGSBURG JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Don Shoemaker, Superintendent

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Dear Kingsburg Joint Union High School 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 of the steps our school is taking to prevent the spread of illness across our campus, and plan for the possible spread of the coronavirus in our community.

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. Currently the number of confirmed cases across the US is still small. However, given how quickly the global situation is evolving, we are monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions daily.

Our district custodians will continue to routinely clean frequently touched surfaces. They will also disinfect high contact surfaces like desks, counters, doorknobs and bathrooms.

In the meantime, the most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of infectious disease is to follow basic health best practices such as:

- **Wash hands frequently.**
- **Stay home if ill. If running a fever, it is recommended that students remain at home until the fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.**
- **Use respiratory etiquette (e.g. covering coughs, using tissue and do not touch trash cans).**
- **Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**

Our district is prepared to alter our procedures and planning should the situation change. We are also thinking ahead regarding the impact spring travel, upcoming school trips, and other non-typical school activities will have in the context of the coronavirus. We will communicate any changes affirmatively when the time is appropriate.

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

- California Department of Public Health website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of this community. Please continue to look for further communications from us on this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Shoemaker
Kingsburg Joint Union High School District
Superintendent