



Santa Clara County Office of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with this intent that the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), the school districts, and charter schools, in concert with the Santa Clara County Health Department and five neighboring Bay Area counties, announced the extension of school closures to student attendance through May 1, 2020.

With more and more confirmed coronavirus cases in our county, our state and our nation, now more than ever, we need to heed the Stay-at-Home/Shelter-in-Place executive order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has established online resources to assist you and your student as you navigate through this pandemic. Please visit www.sccoe.org/covid-19 for flexible learning options, the 16-hour Warm Line (available in five languages), and answers to frequently asked questions. Free meals will continue to be available throughout our community while schools are closed to student attendance. A complete list of county school sites with meal service can be found at <https://www.sccoe.org/covid-19/Documents/Updated-list-School-Closure-Meal-Sites-2020-V13-3.27.20.pdf>.

While we recognize this extension of school facility closures poses challenges and hardship to many families, the most effective way to slow and disrupt the transmission of this pandemic is by continuing to implement social distancing practices. Please also practice the following safe and healthy routines:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Alcohol hand sanitizers are also effective (if handwashing is not immediate option)
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces like doorknobs, light switches, toys, computers and tablets, etc.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick (except to get medical care)
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow. If you use a tissue, wash your hands afterwards.
- Get plenty of rest, drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy foods, and manage your stress to keep your immunity strong.
- Practice social distancing



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We are grateful to community members throughout Santa Clara County for their tremendous prevention efforts during this unique and difficult time. If you have further questions/concerns, a COVID-19 hotline is available at (408) 453-6819.

Be safe and be well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steve Olmos
Assistant Superintendent
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