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To Support Providers,

Manteca Unified School District is in the direct line of communication with the San Joaquin County Office of Education and San Joaquin Public Health Department to assist us in monitoring for any health risk related to the Novel Coronavirus.

The U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services announced that beginning February 3, 2020 declared the novel coronavirus a public health emergency in the United States.

“The declaration went into effect at 2 p.m. PST on Sunday, February 2, 2020. As part of the emergency declaration, persons returning to the United States through select airports and considered to be at highest risk will be quarantined and monitored by public health officials. All other returning travelers from China will face a health screening and face up to two weeks of monitored self-quarantine to ensure they pose no health risk. Currently, there are six confirmed cases in California. This is a rapidly changing situation. Below you will find information on the novel coronavirus and actions that can be taken to prevent spread of respiratory illness.”

The declaration answers the question, should schools exclude student that have recently traveled to China?

“Quarantine should be excused from school during this period. The quarantine is voluntary and is not monitored or enforced, and currently there is no guidance from state or federal officials regarding enforcement by schools, colleges or universities of the self-quarantine guidance. Persons identified at highest risk of developing illness are monitored by federal, state and/or local public health officials. If a high-risk person being monitored is a student, they will be excluded from school for 14 days from their last exposure.”

The CDC is not recommending that students wear masks. It is always recommended that a person should stay at home if they are ill to limit transmission of all virus.

In order to decrease the spread of viral illness please encourage your student to:

- We encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick.
  - Those who have a fever at school should go home and stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Promote hand hygiene among students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and availability of soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Teach and encourage proper cough etiquette—cough or sneeze into a tissue, sleeve, or arm (do not use hands).
- Perform routine surface cleaning.



- Get your annual flu shot, which is the best way to protect you from flu; influenza still kills thousands of people in the US every year.

For more information please visit: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2019 Novel Coronavirus <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

[California department of Public Health:  
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx)