



March 12, 2020
COVID-19 Update

Dear Manteca Unified Families and Community:

Manteca Unified is closely monitoring California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and San Joaquin County Department of Public Health (SJPH) regarding their guidelines and suggested protocols. We have actively been in conversations with these agencies along with San Joaquin County Office of Education regarding the on-going developments of COVID 19 and its impacts on our schools.

New California Public Health Guidelines:

Last night, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced new guidelines to slow the transmission rate of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDPH recommends that the following events should be postponed or canceled across the State of California for at least the remainder of the month of March:

- Large gatherings that include 250 people or more
- Smaller gatherings that do not allow for social distancing of six feet per person
- Gathering of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people

CDPH advises that these recommendations apply to all non-essential professional, social, and community gatherings. A “gathering” is any event that brings people together in a single room or space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space. This new guidance does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services.

Manteca Unified, in coordination with the California Department of Public Health, is responding to these guidelines as follows:

School Events/Assemblies

Schools will be postponing any events during the school day or after hours if:

- Gatherings are larger than 250 people
- Smaller gatherings that do not allow for social distancing of six feet per person
- Gatherings of individuals, of more than 10 people, who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19

Elementary Schools Meal Service:

Schools will be on an alternative lunch schedule today, March 12, 2020, and tomorrow, March 13, 2020. In order to avoid students gathering in large groups in the cafeteria, students will visit the cafeteria by class to receive their meal and return to the classroom to eat. To reduce the potential for the spread of germs, please use roster mode, when possible, to record their meals.

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High Schools Meal Service:

Schools are observing finals schedule today, March 12, 2020, and tomorrow, March 13, 2020. In order to avoid students gathering in large groups, students will participate in grab and go service.

Scheduled Public Events:

The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) has canceled all remaining CIF State Basketball Championship games. This includes regional finals scheduled for March 12, 2020, and the CIF State finals scheduled for March 13-14, 2020 at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento.

Staff and Student Travel/Field Trips:

MUSD has canceled high school field trips for next week, as a measure of precaution. Based on the recommendations from CDC we are restricting travel to contagion areas.

Please review the [map](#) on the CDPH website, which outlines the counties that have confirmed cases of COVID-19. Please also review the [CDC's recommendations](#) regarding state to state travel. Any field trips or events within a Level 2 Travel Health Notice or higher will be restricted.

According to CDC, if families travel to a country with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice, they will be asked to stay home for a period of 14 days from the time they left an area with widespread or ongoing community spread. For more information on CDC travel alerts, please visit their [website](#). If you travel to one of these countries, please inform your school site.

Schools Remain Open and Operational:

As you are aware, there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the County of San Joaquin. While the progression of COVID-19 is still evolving, CDC reports that for the general public, the immediate health risk from COVID-19 is considered low.

Manteca Unified School District takes this very seriously, and we continue to take precautions in our regular cleaning and disinfecting of the school sites. Currently, there are no confirmed cases within our student or staff population. Per guidance from public health officials, we are not closing schools at this time, and we will continue to keep the public updated as more information is available.

As a reminder, to help prevent the spread of the flu or any viruses, please continue to practice good hygiene including washing your hands for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth; and when sneezing or coughing, be sure to cover your mouth by using a tissue. And if you are sick, please stay home.

For up to date information please visit our dedicated site:
www.mantecausd.net/coronavirus