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We place each child at the heart of every decision

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Dear Auburn Union School District Staff and Families,

The safety of students, staff, and community continues to be our highest priority. We care deeply about all of our Auburn community.

All Auburn Union schools will remain open at this time. Currently, there are no AUSD students or staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19.

We are reaching out to you directly to share the steps that the District will be taking based on guidance from the [California Department of Public Health](http://www.cdph.ca), the California Department of Education along with recommendations from [Placer County Public Health](http://www.placercounty.ca) under Scenario II or higher. These recommendations change depending on specific circumstances at a school site. We, as a county, and within our school districts are currently in Scenario II: Measures to be taken if there are two or more community transmission cases of COVID-19, but no individuals within the school test positive. Effective immediately through March 31, 2020, all District schools in Auburn Union School District (Auburn EI, Rock Creek, Skyridge and EV Cain) will implement the following community mitigation measures to ensure students and staff are able to continue in their academic and personal achievement in a safe environment (**Alta Vista Community Charter please refer to Dr. Taylor for guidance**):

Outlined below is updated guidance to help address questions and concerns you may have.

Area	Required Action	Start Date	End Date
<p>Large Gatherings, Athletics and Field Trips</p>	<p>We are following the social gathering limitations outlined by the California Department of Public Health. Events exceeding 250 people will be canceled or postponed.</p> <p>At this time, school performances are allowable as long as there are fewer than 250 participants, attendance is limited to immediate family members only, and social distancing precautions are in place. Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled. This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues. The goal is to prevent people from physically coming together unnecessarily, where people who have the infection can easily spread it to others. This <i>does not</i> apply to activities such as <i>attendance at regular school classes</i>, work, or essential services.</p>	3/12/20	<p>3/31/20 We will closely monitor the situation.</p>

	<p>Field trips are canceled or postponed in order to comply with social distance standards to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff. We will reassess this decision and communicate with schools no later than April 1</p> <p>All after school sports will be canceled or postponed.</p>		
Facility Use	Community and outside organization athletic events held on district property.	3/10/20	3/31/20
Travel	<p>Overnight field trips are being canceled at this time. We will continue to evaluate risks associated with any and all travel.</p> <p>Effective Thursday, March 12, all non-essential travel scheduled for the purpose of instruction or business continuity will be canceled.</p> <p>We will continue to evaluate risks associated with any and all travel.</p>	3/12/20	3/31/20
Faculty / PLC Meetings	Will continue as usual but social distancing precautions are considered.	3/12/20	TBD
PE (dress down)	Will continue as usual but social distancing precautions are considered to the extent possible.	3/12/20	TBD
Student Health Care Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students with any fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms should not come to school. According to the new guidance, they should stay home if they are sick until they have had no fever, cough or other respiratory symptoms for at least 72 hours after symptoms resolve or 7 days after symptoms began, whichever is longer. Absences related to illness are excused without the need for a doctor's note. 	3/10/20	TBD
Employee Health Care Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees with symptoms of illness will be assessed by a medical professional and may be sent home. Employees with a fever and respiratory illness symptoms will be isolated with a surgical mask, if tolerated, until they are able to leave. 	3/10/20	TBD
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be limiting visitors to our 	3/12/20	TBD

	<p>schools by not allowing entry to those who have had symptoms of fever and/or respiratory infection in the last week or who have a travel history over the course of the last 14 days to an area identified by the CDC as Level 2 or higher CDC Travel Notices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing best practices will be implemented for visitors to maintain 3-6 feet of personal space from students and staff. 		
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In the meantime, we remain diligent in our efforts to clean frequently touched surfaces and objects such as desks, keyboards, and doorknobs. Durham Transportation is disinfecting buses daily. We will continue to have hand sanitizer easily accessible to students and staff and encourage proper handwashing techniques and coughing etiquette.

Preparation for potential school closures

Though county health officials advise that school closures are not warranted at this time, we are working to prepare in case that changes. A collaborative team is currently working to identify strategies for school closure. What I can share now is that we will not be participating in a distance-learning program at this time as we do not have a 1:1 device for all TK-8 students. Additionally, we know that not all families have access to the internet at home. We will be providing breakfast and lunch to all students age birth to 18. We will share additional information on our plans and efforts soon.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your personal contingency plans. The CDC provides resources for household action plans. For information on travel plans you or families might be planning for Spring Break, please consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for travel guidelines. Our top priority is the health and safety

This remains a fluid situation. We will remain in close contact with health officials and modify our efforts as needed to help protect the health and safety of our students, staff and community members. We encourage parents to take into account their child’s and families’ unique situation when making decisions about event participation and attendance. Should you have questions or need assistance with your specific situation please do not hesitate to reach out to your school principal.

Sincerely,

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