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Dear EDUHSD Families & Staff:

With the cold and flu season upon us and concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), we wanted to provide you with the most recent information from the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, along with tips to help you stay healthy this season.

As of February 28, county health officials report there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in El Dorado County, and the immediate health risk to the general public is low. However, with further transmission expected nationally and locally, the time to prepare is now. Please see the attached document from El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency, which provides more detailed information about the current situation.

**Student Safety Precautions**

While most of the people sickened with COVID-19 have been older adults, we are working with El Dorado County Office of Education and El Dorado County Health and Human Services professionals to establish protocols for schools and to prepare for disruptions that could result from a possible outbreak in our region.

In the meantime, we remain diligent in our efforts to clean frequently touched surfaces and objects such as desks, keyboards and doorknobs. Additionally, we are encouraging hand hygiene in locations readily accessible to students and staff by providing tissues, soap and hand sanitizer.

At this time, students and school staff should go about their daily lives and practice the same precautions they normally take during cold and flu season. To help prevent the spread of any respiratory virus, follow these important tips: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>.

As a reminder, all students and staff members with a fever of (>100.4 F / >38C) should remain home from school and other activities until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the assistance of medication.

It is important to remember that handling the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19 is primarily a task for public health agencies. Any directives from the World Health Organization, CDC, or El Dorado County Health and Human Services should be followed, including travel restrictions. Visit the [California Department of Public Health website](#) and the [CDC](#)

[website](#) for more information.

We also encourage you to begin thinking about your personal contingency plans for childcare and transportation should there be a potential impact to schools in the future.

In times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and togetherness of this community. The safety and wellness of our students and staff are a priority, and we thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

Respectfully,

Ron Carruth, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
El Dorado Union High School District