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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Dear El Dorado Union High School District Community,

The public's health and safety is paramount to El Dorado Union High School District (EDUHSD) and all of its community and educational partners.

In response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 circumstances and the potential impact in El Dorado County, School District Superintendents and the County Superintendent of Schools, have decided in concurrence with Dr. Nancy Williams, County Public Health Officer, to extend the closure of all EDUHSD schools through April 13, 2020. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on the status of school closures. We urge families to prepare for the possibility of a longer duration extending beyond Spring Break (April 6- April 10, 2020). Dr. Nancy Williams continues to report that while there are no current positive cases in our county, the El Dorado County Public Health Division expects to begin seeing positive cases in the coming days and weeks, which may require a continued response.

Our teachers are contacting all students through email to continue their learning.

During the time of the school closure, we are asking that students and families follow the County Public Health Officer's directive to stay home and minimize social contact to the extent possible. Dr. Williams emphasizes that, "while school dismissals are intended to protect students, teachers, and staff, we need everyone to take social distancing seriously if we are to achieve the greater benefit of protecting everyone in the County from COVID-19."

Effective tomorrow our school offices will close to the public, but will be accessible via phone and email. We will continue to respond to phone calls. In addition, our Grab-And-Go Meal Program will continue street-side at El Dorado High School and Ponderosa High School from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday with any child age 2-18 present.

This is a dynamic situation where information and circumstances can evolve quickly. We are grateful to community members and our community leaders throughout our county for their tremendous care, collaboration, and understanding during these challenging times.

For the latest updates, visit:

- [El Dorado County Public Health](#)
- [El Dorado County Office of Education](#)

For parent questions regarding this closure, please contact your school site.

For more information about the El Dorado Union High School District, please visit [www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.eduhsd.k12.ca.us) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,  
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