



Santee School District

SCHOOLS

Cajon Park
Carlton Hills
Carlton Oaks
Chet F. Harritt STEAM
Hill Creek
Pepper Drive
PRIDE Academy
at Prospect Avenue
Rio Seco
Sycamore Canyon
Alternative
Success Program

March 6, 2020

Dear Santee School District Parents and Staff:

The health and well-being of our students and staff are the primary interest of our District. We are fortunate to have strong partnerships with our County of San Diego Health & Human Services Agency and the San Diego County Office of Education and through these partnerships we are continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus, now named COVID-19.

The CDC recently shared COVID-19 will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now. As a school district, we are working with county school and health officials to establish protocols for schools in the event that COVID-19 does spread in San Diego. We will continue to communicate these protocols as these plans develop.

As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, follow these important tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.

Additionally, the California Department of Public Health does not recommend the use of face masks for general prevention and says that handwashing provides better protection from infectious diseases.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. Here are a few resources related to this topic:

District webpage: <http://www.santeesd.net/Page/14388>
Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
San Diego County Health and Human Services: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus/#Protect>

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin Baranski
Superintendent

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