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Parents,

Yesterday, school and district administrators from around the county had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Karen Ramstrom, Shasta County's Public Health Officer, and Brandy Isola, the Branch Director for Shasta County Public Health. They provided helpful background on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and what is happening within the county to prepare, including what schools can do now. **The best advice at this point is if students are running a fever, and/or experiencing excessive coughing or sneezing, to have them stay home so that they are not spreading any germs with others at school. Also, to wash hands with soap and water frequently.**

We discussed the state guidance that came out on March 7th so that school and district leaders would understand at what point schools would be closed. Any school closures will be discussed and agreed upon with Shasta County Public Health and the local school district. While in session, schools will continue to offer after school, day care, and preschool programs. We will continue to take extra preventative steps through more frequent cleaning in an effort to keep our environments clean and safe.

We also received guidance late yesterday from the California Department of Public Health regarding non-essential gatherings. Types of activities we agreed with Shasta County Public Health that fall into this category are field trips, sporting events (especially those that are indoor and not allowing for 6' of social distancing), and school club competitions. These non-essential gatherings will either be postponed until after April 10 or canceled.

The Shasta County Office of Education is working closely with Public Health to keep all school leaders informed. We are receiving regular updates as new information becomes available.

Our goal is to keep schools open so that our students are continuing to learn and grow. We also know how critical it is for our working families to have students in school. We truly want to work together to make sure students and school staff are kept healthy and that will take each one of us choosing to stay home if we are not healthy.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Take care,

Student, staff, and community safety continues to be our top priority.

Shasta County has identified one case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and we have been informed by Shasta County Public Health that this individual is not associated with Happy Valley Union Elementary School District. We are focused on prevention and awareness of COVID-19.

Based on recommended guidance from the Shasta County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Shasta County Department of Public Health, our District will implement the following measures. All actions are **effective March 13 through April 3, 2020**:

Area	Implemented Actions
Visitors on Campuses	School visitors to campuses will be limited during school hours. IEP, 504, and other student support meetings will continue as scheduled unless notified by school personnel.
Athletic Activities	CA Department of Public Health is recommending there are no large group gatherings and to promote social distancing practices. In light of these recommendations, the 4th/5th grade basketball season is cancelled. Outdoor sports--baseball, softball and track--will proceed as scheduled since students do not have close contact with each other and spectators can keep the recommended six foot social distance from each other.
Events	Other on-campus events after school are cancelled. Canceled events include, but are not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student-organized events including those organized by Student Council and clubs• Performing arts productions<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The Drama production will be rescheduled.
Transportation	We will continue to provide educational based transportation such as home to school, school to home, CTE, etc.
Facility Use	All outside agency facility use will discontinue. Use of school facilities are limited to school affiliated competitions and in-season sport practices.
Health Care Protocol	Students who are ill should stay home. Students with symptoms of illness on campus will be assessed in the office and sent home. Students sent home must be picked up by a parent or person on their emergency contact list. Employees with symptoms of illness should stay home.
School Closure	HVUSD is working closely with the County Office of Education and the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency. We will follow any and all recommendations if it becomes necessary to close our schools due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We encourage you to visit the Shasta County Health Services [website](https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa), <https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/hhsa>, for local up to date information. Additional information can be found on the Centers of Disease Control [website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. We will continue to work closely with the County Health Services and Shasta County Office of Education to monitor the situation and update as necessary. If you have any questions, please follow up with your site Principal.