



Midway School District



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To the Parents/Guardians of Midway Elementary School District Students and Staff:

In an effort to ensure that our students and staff have a safe school environment, the MESD has been monitoring reports and updates from Kern County Public Health, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The MESD will implement appropriate measures as needed based upon updates and recommendations from these public agencies. It is understandable if you are concerned about the novel coronavirus and we share your concerns. As of February 28, 2020, Kern County health officials report there are no known cases of the novel coronavirus in Kern County. The CDC recently shared that the novel coronavirus will likely begin spreading in communities in the United States and the public should begin preparations now. The CDC recommends that the public take every day preventative actions to help prevent the spread of viruses and diseases, including:

- Stay at home if you have a fever or are feeling sick. Remain at home until the fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when sneezing or coughing. If using a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash after sneezing or coughing into it.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a standard disinfecting household cleaning spray or wipe.

The MESD is initiating some basic precautions to provide students and staff with access to hand sanitizer and tissues. Classrooms and restrooms will undergo additional cleaning procedures. In the event that the novel coronavirus surfaces in Kern County, the MESD will work closely with Kern County Public Health, the CDC and Kern County Superintendent of Schools (KCSOS) to determine if it is necessary to call for school closures. The MESD will inform parents/guardians, students and staff of any closures via local media, all-calls, and information on our webpage. For updates regarding the most current information about the novel coronavirus please visit the CD website at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov. For updates regarding MESD's efforts, please visit us at midwayschooldistrict.org.

Sincerely,

Al Quezada
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