



## FAQs about Coronavirus COVID-19

- **What precautions are being taken to ensure student safety in our schools?**
  - Our custodians have increased their cleaning protocols in our schools and district sites, cleaning surfaces with hospital-grade disinfectant (such as desks and table tops) as well as touchpoints (such as door handles and drinking fountains). Daily, all sink areas, kitchens, and bathrooms are thoroughly cleaned, as has always been our practice.
  - We have also ensured that all hand sanitizer dispensers, installed in all classrooms, are filled. We are asking our teachers to instruct students to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after recess, before and after lunch, and after using a chromebook.
  - Our warehouse is distributing additional Clorox wipes, soap and hand sanitizer to school sites.
  - Our school nurses are closely monitoring student illness trends and are communicating daily to the Alameda County Public Health Department as well as our school and district leadership.
  - Students are being asked to use “air” high-fives in place of their customary high-fives and reduce or eliminate other forms of personal contact.
  - Our Child Nutrition department is replacing open-air salad bar items with pre-packaged items, as of Monday, March 9.
  
- **Should my child stop attending extracurricular activities including sports activities, conferences, camps, and events?**
  - At this time the Alameda County Department of Public Health is not recommending we restrict attendance at events. We communicate regularly with the Health Department and will change our practice if directed to provide social distancing or to postpone or cancel events.
  
- **What happens if someone in Livermore schools is diagnosed with COVID-19?**
  - At the direction of the Alameda County Public Health Department, if a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, we will be directed to close that school for 14 days from the last day the student or staff member was present at school. LARPD has indicated that ESS and PAL programs at the affected school would also close.

- **How will our district communicate with families and the community if a school needs to be closed?**
  - If there is a sudden change in circumstances, we will notify families via email, text, and phone. We will post critical information on our mobile app, Twitter (@LivermoreSchool), Facebook (@LivermoreSchools), and Instagram (LivermoreSchools). In addition, our Community Engagement Department will send weekly updates on Thursdays via email. You may refer to our Coronavirus web page for detailed information, including current information from the Alameda County Public Health Department: [livermoreschools.org/coronavirus](http://livermoreschools.org/coronavirus)
  
- **How is our district preparing for a potential spread of COVID-19?**
  - We are in regular communication with the Alameda County Public Health Department, which is the agency that makes determinations regarding coronavirus responses. We also are in ongoing communication with the Alameda County Office of Education, and with our community agencies and major businesses: the City of Livermore, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), Sandia National Laboratories, California Water Service, Chabot-Las Positas College District, Livermore Police Department, Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department, and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. In addition to following the LVJUSD Influenza Pandemic Plan that we have in place, our district has convened a Communicable Disease Task Force that includes our superintendent, our school nurses, representatives of our union representatives, as well as leaders from our Child Nutrition, Community Engagement, Educational Services, Maintenance & Custodial, Purchasing, Student Services, and Warehouse departments.
  
- **What does it mean that Alameda County has declared a state of emergency regarding coronavirus?**
  - Alameda County has declared a local public health emergency as part of its ongoing response and preparation for community spread in Alameda County. This action allows Alameda County to have additional resources to be better poised to provide information and support as needed.
  
- **What can we do to prevent contracting coronavirus?**
  - The best way to prevent coronavirus is to follow the same advice recommended for preventing influenza of any type:
    - Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Modeling this action as an adult reinforces its importance for our children. 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 ill.

- 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.
- **What should we do if we think we have been exposed to coronavirus?**
    - The Alameda County Public Health department recommends that you call your doctor. Please refer to the [Alameda County Public Health Department's webpage on Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#).
  - **How will our students be educated if schools are closed?**
    - We are in the process of developing alternative means of educating our students, should a long term solution be needed. We are exploring possibilities of online learning options.