

## VISTA CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dr. Don Wilson, Superintendent



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Dear Vista Family,

I know that there is growing anxiety and concern regarding the coronavirus. As of this notice, there are **no confirmed cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our schools** or local districts (LAUSD and SAUSD). We are working directly with the Los Angeles and Orange County Office of Education, California Department of Public Health and neighboring school districts to provide consistent and accurate information for our Vista families.

Based on recent reports, the health risk to the general public in California remains low. However, all Vista schools ordered and received adequate health and cleaning supplies over a week ago in anticipation of a growing concern. To be clear, **our schools have sufficient supplies** of antiseptics, hand sanitizers, soap, paper towels, disposable thermometers, and masks for students or staff that become ill during the day. **We do not anticipate a school closure at this time** but will closely monitor the situation. In case of a school closure, we will provide students with their chrome books and teachers will provide online education support.

Currently, we have cancelled all field trips for students and conference attendance for teachers and administrators until further notice.

As a safety precaution, we encourage students and staff to continue practicing the same hygiene routines as for the regular cold and flu season:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your sleeve
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid contact with sick people
- Stay home if you are sick
- Get your flu shot (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends flu shots for everyone 6 months of age and older)

We are not issuing face masks to anyone that is not showing symptoms of illness as **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.

Additionally, as of Feb. 26, 2020, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that individuals who have recently traveled to China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea should not report to work or school and should contact their medical provider to report their symptoms and travel history.

If you or a family member begin showing symptoms of a respiratory disease and suspect it may be COVID-19, contact your health provider immediately.

Vista Charter Public Schools will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary. If you have questions, please contact your principal as they will be provided the latest information as it comes in.

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Although this is a time of great concern, the safety and well-being of the entire Vista family is our number one concern and we will do everything possible to keep us all safe and healthy!

Warmly,

Don Wilson, Ed.D  
Superintendent  
Vista Charter Public Schools