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Dear Pacific Union Families:

We have received a few questions and concerns regarding the recent local appearance of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). I want to assure you of our universal precautions and preventative actions.

California Department of Public Health states that the 2019 novel coronavirus is a virus that was recently identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, and is now being spread widely in other parts of mainland China. More cases are being detected worldwide, and while new cases were initially linked to Hubei Province, China, at this time public health considers being anywhere in China in the past 14 days a risk factor for novel coronavirus infection. The virus causes respiratory illness.

At this time, the coronavirus has been isolated in Humboldt County and is being handled with a strict protocol from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). I am not expecting the coronavirus to enter our school site, but we are taking common sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases.

We are encouraging all students, parents/guardians, and staff to take everyday preventive actions:

- **Stay home when sick.**
 - Remain at home until fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Notify the us in the main office.
 - Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g., high fever or difficulty breathing.
- **Use “respiratory etiquette”.**
 - Cover cough with a tissue or sleeve.
 - Provide adequate supplies within easy reach, including tissues and no-touch trash cans.
- **Wash hands frequently.**
 - Encourage hand washing by students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and the provision of adequate supplies.
- **Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces.**

Below are resources that may help you answer any further questions and also provides the most current information:

- The California Department of Public Health website at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Humboldt County Office of Education website at <https://hcoe.org/corona-virus/>

I am also attaching a letter from Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services for your reference.

The health of our students, staff, and families is of our utmost concern and we will continue to take precautionary measures. I will also continue to communicate as necessary to give our community current information as this is an evolving situation. Thank you for your help, care, and support to ensure a safe and healthy Pacific Union Community.

Sincerely,
Rene L. McBride