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Dear Pacific Union Families:

I am reaching out again to continue our transparent communication process and to assure you that we are continuing to take as many precautionary measures as possible to ensure a clean and healthy environment for our students and staff on campus. I am monitoring the situation and am receiving information from county and state officials often.

As many of you are aware, the coronavirus (covid-19) continues to move throughout the state and beyond. California has declared a state of emergency and this will provide the state with more resources to help with covid-19.

The World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control have stated that older people and those with pre-existing medical conditions (such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease) appear to be more susceptible to the covid-19 virus. It is recommended that if you or your student have any of these health concerns and need more information that you contact your doctor and reach out for guidance.

At our local level our janitorial staff has been instructed to focus on cleaning high contact surface areas multiple times a day. Staff is also assisting our team in this effort by disinfecting surfaces when students are not present in the classroom (during student recess time and/or lunch) and having students wash hands as much as possible. We have also purchased hand sanitizer for each classroom, the cafeteria, and the library. Although we are encouraging the use of hand sanitizer we also know this does not take the place of hand washing.

**Remember all students, families, and staff should 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.
- Seek immediate medical care if symptoms become more severe, e.g., high fever, accompanied by dry cough and/or shortness of breath.
- Cover coughing and sneezing with a tissue or sleeve and wash your hands as often as you can.
- **Wash hands AGAIN....and AGAIN** with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

As always, the health of our students, staff, and families is of our utmost concern and we will continue to take precautionary measures. Thank you for your continued help, care, and support to ensure a safe and healthy Pacific Union community. Together we are better!

Sincerely,

*Rene L. McBride*