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As you may be aware, out of an abundance of caution, and in consultation with local public health, the Encinitas Union School District (EUSD) has ordered all schools to close in order to curb the potential transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Schools will be closed beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 through the completion of spring break Friday, April 10, 2020, and children should stay home. This closure includes ASPIRE before- and after-school care, after-school enrichment programming, ASPIRE Spring Break camp, and enrichment spring break camps held on EUSD campuses.

We understand this action may pose added hardship for some of our families. During the next two weeks, Child Nutrition Services will provide an opportunity for families to pick up lunch (which will include a breakfast for the following day) at a mobile walk-up or drive through meal service for students in the district at Ocean Knoll Elementary. This will occur Monday through Friday, March 16 - 27, between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in front of the school office.

Children must be present in order for meals to be provided. Meals will be provided based on the number of children present. The program will be solely for the pick-up of meals, and meals will not be consumed on-site. We encourage families to continue to be proactive in reducing the risk of COVID-19 by not congregating at the school site and utilizing social distancing once meals have been distributed. We have composed a list of community food resources as well.

In addition, we have advised all teachers to send home a variety of resources to support continued learning. During the two-week closure before Spring Break, families can expect a weekly email from the district with learning opportunities. All resources will also be available online at Bit.ly/eusdlearns2020 and on our <a href="https://District.org/D

If your child has an IEP, your child's case manager will be in contact with you personally. If your family or a family you know of has an Internet access hardship, please encourage them to contact Glen Warren, (760) 944-4300, ext. 1188.

We have cancelled parent/teacher conferences that were scheduled. Upon return from this closure, teachers will connect with families to share student progress.

While your student(s) remains home, we encourage you to continue practicing good hygiene, which includes:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 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 sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get vaccinated for the flu if you have not already

If you feel for any reason your child may have or has been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your doctor immediately. Virus symptoms can range from mild to severe and could include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in a few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

We will remain in close contact with local public health officials and the San Diego County Office of Education throughout the duration of this closure and will provide updates to families as appropriate.

For additional information in regards to speaking with your child(ren) about COVID-19, please see the information linked here.

We also encourage you to stay informed of the situation by regularly checking updates from San Diego County Public Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

We understand this is a time of uncertainty and concern. We will work through this together to keep our students, families, and staff safe.

We will continue to post the most accurate and up-to-date information on our website at www.eusd.net and EUSD Facebook.

Sincerely,

Andree Grey, Ed.D. Superintendent

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