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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to grow globally and within California. At this time, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) informs us that students who are not ill can come to school. For several weeks, the District has been in close contact with multiple agencies monitoring and assessing the situation. We will continue to follow directions from Public Health and will keep you updated with any new developments that impact the students of Bonita Unified School District. The District is committed to doing our part in keeping the virus from spreading.

Please keep your child home if they are sick. Under no circumstances should you send your child to school if you are aware that they are sick. COVID-19 is likely to spread in the same way as other respiratory illnesses like influenza. It is thought to spread from an infected person who has symptoms to others by:

- Droplets produced through coughing and sneezing
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

Symptoms of the virus include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Vomiting/Diarrhea

If a student has a temperature of 100° or greater, they will be asked to leave the school. The student will not be able to return for 24 hours after the fever is less than 100°, without the use of medications.

Please consider the impact of COVID-19 on school, work, and other activities in the event of a school closure:

School and childcare:

- Make sure that you are signed up to receive notices (such as texts, phone calls, and emails) from your child's school and the District.
- Consider how you will manage childcare if there are closures, early dismissals, or other changes to school activities.

Work:

- Find out about leave policies at work, including if you need to have a doctor's note.
- Ask about options to work from home if you have a job that might be suitable for teleworking.

Beware of scams, frauds, false news, and hoaxes surrounding the coronavirus. Accurate information, including announcements of new cases in Los Angeles County, will always be distributed by Public Health through press releases, social media, and our website. The Public Health website has up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, including FAQs, infographics, and strategies for coping with stress, as well as tips on handwashing.

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH)
 - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
 - Social media: @lapublichealth

If you have questions and would like to speak to someone or need help finding medical care, you may contact the Los Angeles County Information line by dialing 2-1-1, which is available 24/7. If you have questions regarding your child's school, please contact the school office.

In closing, although the chances of school closure continue to remain extremely low, we are fully aware of the seriousness of this matter. We will continue to monitor and assess each situation, and educate our community as new information becomes available. Thank you for your partnership in helping the District do its part in preventing the further spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Coles
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