



# BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 12, 2020

Dear BUSD Students, Staff, and Families:

Bonita Unified School District (BUSD) staff and administration continue to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and update our response based on information we receive from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health), the California Department of Education (CDE), and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students, staff, and families in BUSD.

The Department of Public Health in Los Angeles County has provided guidance to all school districts throughout the county to limit close contact to congregated or group programming. Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the cities of San Dimas or La Verne, BUSD is committed to doing our part in preventing and/or limiting the spread of COVID-19 within our communities.

Effective March 12, 2020 through April 3, 2020, BUSD is postponing or canceling all public events that bring large groups of people together. This was not a decision that was made lightly; we all look forward to school events and extracurricular activities. However, in light of the rapid developments of COVID-19, in consultation with the Public Health Department, the following actions for all BUSD schools include:

- All night and weekend school/district events will be postponed and/or canceled. Each event coordinator will disseminate further information in the next several days whether the event will be postponed or canceled.
- All school-sponsored field trips and afterschool activities will be postponed or canceled.
- All staff conferences outside of BUSD schools will be postponed or canceled.
- All school assemblies/rallies/programs during the school day that are non-essential will be postponed or canceled.
- District-wide, we will be limiting all volunteers on our campuses based on educational needs.

There are no changes to the following:

- The School Age Care Program will continue to be available before and after school to support working parents.
- California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) sanctioned athletic competitions will continue to be played. We will continue to evaluate this in consultation with CIF, our leagues and local school districts.

We will assess and reevaluate extending this decision prior to April 3, 2020.

***We do not have any plans to close any schools at this time. We will continue to make sure we have systems and protocols in place in the event that a school closure is declared by the Public Health Department.***

Please continue to take all possible precautions to help reduce the risk of spreading germs to others. These include the following recommendations from public health officials:

- Keep children who are sick at home and away from others if they have a fever of 100°F or above.
- Frequent handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently used surfaces.

**In regards to access to school facilities, under no circumstance should a student, parent, or staff member come on to any school campus if they are sick. This includes but is not limited to, pick up/drop off at your child's school, attending parent/teacher conferences, IEP meetings, etc.**

We will continue to update you with information, including announcements, official news through press releases, social media (Twitter and Facebook), and our website. Additionally, 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.

- Link to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH)
  - <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
  - Social media: [@lapublichealth](https://twitter.com/lapublichealth)
- Link to Bonita Unified coronavirus updates:  
<http://do.bonita.k12.ca.us/Coronavirus/index.html>

We want to reassure you that we are doing all we can to proactively protect the health and safety of our staff and students. We are working closely with Federal, State, and County health officials to make sure that we make informed decisions regarding our schools and our communities. Together, we will make it a priority to keep our students and staff healthy and our school facilities safe.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we all work through this evolving situation.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Coles  
Superintendent of Schools  
Bonita Unified School District