

Communication #2: March 4, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

Hello Rocklin Unified Families and Staff,

As of March 4, the second case of Coronavirus (now called COVID-19) has been confirmed by public health officials in Placer County. Sadly, we have just learned from health officials, the second confirmed patient announced on March 3, has died. Here's what we know:

First confirmed case: This case includes a health care worker who had close contact with the confirmed case from Solano County. The individual is in isolation at home and close contacts will be quarantined and monitored.

Second confirmed case: This individual-- who, unfortunately, has passed-- was a hospitalized patient who tested presumptively positive, pending confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The individual was an older adult whose exposure likely occurred during international travel on a Princess cruise ship that departed from San Francisco to Mexico – the same Feb. 11-21 cruise associated with a confirmed Sonoma County case announced previously. Close contacts of the patient continue to be quarantined and monitored. As this case appeared connected to travel, it most likely does not represent an instance of local community spread.

We are continuing to update information as we receive it on our website, which can be found here: www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Novel-Coronavirus.

According to the Placer County Public Health Office, the immediate risk to the general public and to schools in Placer County is still relatively low, but now is the time to prepare for the likelihood of local community transmission unrelated to this case. Current information about the coronavirus is available at placer.ca.gov/coronavirus and on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) website](https://www.cdc.gov).

Placer County has also declared a local health emergency to ensure public health professionals have all the necessary tools at their disposal to keep the community safe.

We each play a role in keeping our community healthy and safe. We understand there can be anxiety about this evolving situation, but there are simple ways to turn that anxiety into action. Members of the general public and our school communities should

continue their efforts to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses including COVID-19 by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Stay home if you are sick
- Continue to disinfect frequently touched surfaces. (See the attached list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to see what steps Rocklin Unified is taking now.)

Now is the time to begin thinking about your personal contingency plans for childcare and transportation should there be a potential impact on schools in the future. The CDC provides resources for [household action plans](#).

Again, officials with the Placer County Public Health maintain the immediate risk to schools and our communities remains low at this time. If we receive any additional information that is important to the safety of the school community, we will share it with you immediately. Unless otherwise informed, please plan for all regular school activities to continue as scheduled.

Please stay home if you or your child is sick. Additionally, if your student has been to China in the past two weeks, we will follow the recommendation of the CDC and require that they not return to school for 14 days from the day after they left the affected area. If you or your student has traveled to Iran, South Korea, Italy, Japan or Hong Kong, please monitor for fever or cough for the next 14 days, and stay home if you have any symptoms. This will allow time for medical evaluations and to ensure the safety of everyone. Please note, there have been reports of students and others being stigmatized Coronavirus is not specific to any race, nationality or ethnicity. We want to ensure that students and staff do not experience harassment or stigmatization as a result of concerns about COVID- 19. Please report any concerns about harmful behaviors to a teacher, counselor or school administrator.

Rocklin Unified remains diligent in our communication with the Placer County Office of Education and Placer County Public Health professionals to establish protocols for schools and prepare for possible future school disruptions. The situation is fluid. In the near future, we may need to take action to slow the spread of COVID-19 which will help to limit the number of people who become ill, protect our health care systems from

being overwhelmed and give time to develop a vaccine and treatments. We will be monitoring new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions.

As always, the safety and wellness of our students and staff are a priority, and we thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us to maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

Sincerely,
Roger Stock
Superintendent