

Coronavirus Communication to Whitney HS Families March 6, 2020

RUSD families and staff,

Earlier this morning, the following message was sent to all Whitney High School families and staff. As you know, we are working with Placer County Public Health and other local officials to keep you updated on the latest information. Please see below.

Thank you,
Rocklin Unified School District

Information sent to Whitney High School staff and families on March 6, 2020:

“We learned this morning that one of our staff members had visited a foreign country that has been impacted by the Coronavirus. The staff member is currently showing no symptoms or sign of the Coronavirus. In speaking with the county health department they determined that there was a very low risk. Out of an abundance of caution, the staff member has gone home for the day.

Again, in working with the Placer County Public Health officials who informed us there is no threat to our students or staff. There is no evidence of community transmission in Placer County at this time and no concern for our students or staff at Whitney High School or any of the Rocklin Unified School District school sites. Since there is no confirmation regarding a positive diagnosis or even symptoms, Placer County Health Department officials have no recommendations at this time in regards to school closures.

Placer County Public Health officials assured us they would immediately contact the school district if any students or staff were at risk of exposure to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As a site we are taking extra measures including additional cleaning over the weekend on our campus.

We all 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 at home if you are sick

- Continue to disinfect frequently touched and shared surfaces

We will continue to provide updates as necessary. For additional prevention information please visit the Placer County Health and Human Services website:

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus>.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to respond to this very sensitive issue.”