

Novel Coronavirus: Impact on RUSD

**Please note: There will be no public access at RUSD school sites at this time. All school grounds are temporarily closed due to COVID-19 concerns. Thank you for your understanding.*



A Note from Superintendent Stock



Dear Rocklin Unified Community,

Once again, our RUSD community has proven that when we work together for a common goal, we can accomplish nothing but greatness. At the beginning of March, I don't think anyone could have anticipated the whirlwind of mental and emotional turmoil that the COVID-19 situation would bring to our district and beyond. Time and time again, however, I have found myself in awe of staff, students' and their families' success stories as we overcame our new, temporary way of education and life.

This picture of Taylor Moe, RUSD's Custodial Supervisor tells just one story of how our Rocklin Unified community responded with urgency when we were asked by one of our parents-- also an employee at Sutter Health-- if we had hospital type masks.



Performance for Your Post

15,939 People Reached

1,899 Reactions, Comments & Shares

**People Reached: the number of people who viewed this post on Facebook. Reactions, Comments & Shares: the number of people who interacted with the post on Facebook. These numbers are current as of April 9, 2020.*

Despite all our responsibilities to our 12,000+ families and students and more than 1,200 staff, our Facilities, Maintenance and Operations folks answered the call and donated 10,000 face masks!

This urgency to thrive in these times also comes with skill as so many staff members worked to transfer our teaching methods from classroom-based to remote learning. In a very short period of time we rolled out a new-to-us way of teaching. It was bold and necessary, and we are proud of our teaching staff, classified staff, and our leadership team. Each has done amazing work. As with any new invention or innovation, there are always unforeseen challenges to be addressed. Our caring teachers are shouldering so much. Some of our students are feeling overwhelmed, while others may be having difficulty connecting to their learning. Parents and caregivers, similarly, are facing new stressors and challenges during this time.

Here are some additional resources for wellness:

- <https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/#top>
- https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/caregivers_and_kids_california_surgeon_general_stress_busting_playbook_draft_v2_clean_ada_04072020v2.pdf.

If you or someone you know has a serious or immediate concern, please call 9-1-1. If your concern needs immediate attention, support is also available by contacting the CA Department of Public Health's 24-hour Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text 838255.

We are doing our best to anticipate new challenges on our horizon. We are also listening to our community and addressing challenges as they come up or building solutions to these challenges into our longer-range plans. This is new to all of us and we are doing the best we can. We are a system that is focused on continual improvement, and we know that will get better each week for as long as this lasts.

Our district is working diligently to determine how to ensure special milestones like high school graduations are celebrated. We are so proud of the accomplishments and strides our seniors have made throughout this year and prior years so we want to ensure we keep those important traditions despite these challenging times. We are still working on details such as when it will be safe to hold these ceremonies and we will provide information as soon as we have it.



As you can see from the photos submitted above from staff, we also want you to share your distance learning success stories with us. Please send us a photo of how your household is doing distance learning, the first names of anyone photographed, their school, grade-level and a short description of what they are working on. You can send these photos to RUSDCommunications@rocklinusd.org and we will share out on our social media channels: Facebook (www.facebook.com/RocklinUnifiedSchoolDistrict) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD).

Also, coming up after Spring Break you don't want to miss our new special 'Teacher Features' on our social media platforms! You will absolutely be amazed at what our dedicated teachers are doing to keep all students engaged!

All of the above will also be featured in a special section on our District website: www.rocklinusd.org/Parents/RUSDKeepsConnected-OnlineRemote-Learning/Distance-Learning-Photos.

IMPORTANT: Next week as we move into our next phase of distance learning, we will send you an updated Frequently Asked Questions page. As you know from my note last week, we will also be holding a live, virtual "Ask RUSD" session on April 15 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This will feature RUSD leaders, including myself, answering your questions about the COVID-19 situation and its impact on our Rocklin Unified Schools. Information for this event will be available on our Facebook (www.facebook.com/RocklinUnifiedSchoolDistrict), our Twitter (www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD) and on our website at www.rocklinusd.org.

In the meantime, we will be accepting questions at the following link: <https://forms.gle/y61ougHoDErXQAYx5>. Simply complete the submission form and your question will be saved for "Ask RUSD."

To view a list of questions that have already been submitted, you can visit this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jAQKwxDBZjpYHkU2_ggux75xLz_-Rg_jdwIWIC1FHgc/edit?usp=sharing.

We continue to work closely with Placer County Public Health, the Placer County Office of Education and other local agencies to evaluate the situation and provide pertinent updates to you.

As we face these obstacles together, we thank you for your support and continued partnership.

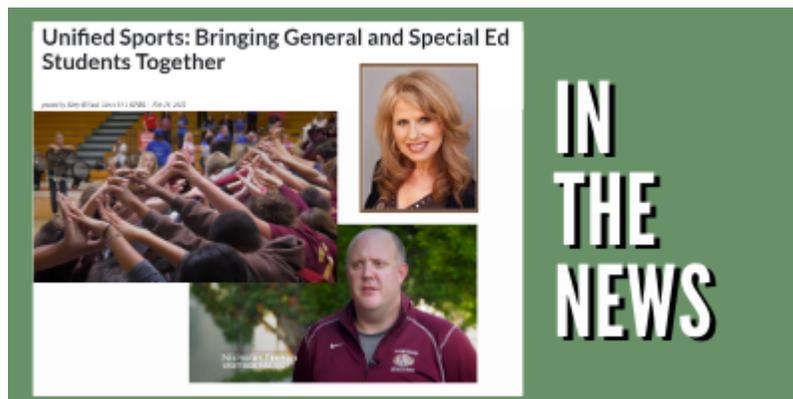
Stay strong and stay healthy,

Sincerely,

Roger Stock

Superintendent

In the News:



Prior to the full extent of the COVID-19 situation being recognized in Placer County and beyond, our Communications/Community Engagement Department connected multiple outstanding RUSD people and programs to local news platforms! We have also been sharing many outstanding Distance Learning examples local media have and will continue to feature. Check out the latest features [by clicking here](#).

Also, Unified Sports at our RUSD high schools were featured on KFBK-- including a special interview with Whitney High School coach Nicholas French! At this time, the annual Unified Basketball game between Rocklin and Whitney High Schools has been postponed, but we will keep you updated when a new event date is scheduled! Thank you to ALL of our friends in the local media and beyond for highlighting the innovation and leadership within Rocklin Unified.

Advanced Placement Testing Update from our High School Counselors



If your student is enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses at a Rocklin Unified high school, you should have received a message in March regarding CollegeBoard AP testing updates and information. Below, you'll find the message that was

shared:

"Dear AP Students and Families,

We hope that this letter finds you healthy and safe. As anticipated, CollegeBoard has released new information regarding the AP Exam administration. As of 12:00pm EST on March 20th, 2020, CollegeBoard has released the following:

- *For the 2019-20 exam administration only, students can take a 45-minute online exam at home. Educator-led development committees are currently selecting the exam questions that will be administered.*
- *Some students may want to take the exam sooner rather than later, while the content is still fresh. Other students may want more time to practice. For each AP subject, there will be two different testing dates.*
- *AP curricula are locally developed and we defer to local decisions on how best to help students complete coursework. To be fair to all students, some of whom have lost more instructional time than others, the exam will only include topics and skills most AP teachers and students have already covered in class by early March.*
- *Colleges support this solution and are committed to ensuring that AP students receive the credit they've worked this year to earn. For decades, colleges have accepted a shortened AP Exam for college credit when groups of students have experienced emergencies.*
- *Students will be able to take these streamlined exams on any device they have access to—computer, tablet, or smartphone. Taking a photo of handwritten work will also be an option.*
- *The exam questions are designed in ways that prevent cheating. We use a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software, to protect the integrity of the exams. Scoring at-home work for an AP Exam isn't new to the AP Program. For years the AP Program has received and scored at-home student work as part of the exams for the AP Computer Science Principles and AP Capstone™ courses.*

Given this information, CollegeBoard also states:

- *We'll continue to support students with free resources through exam day. And while we encourage students to wait until closer to the test date to decide, **any student already registered for an exam can choose to cancel at no charge.****

AP students should continue to work independently and under the guidance and tutelage of their AP teachers in order to continue their studies and exam preparations to the best of their ability. Students and families are encouraged to reach out via email, Google Classroom, etc. in order to contact teachers with any questions they may have.

Again, we are very grateful for your unwavering flexibility and understanding. We recognize how hard our AP students have worked in order to prepare for their exams, and want to make sure they are provided with all the tools and information necessary to be successful.

Stay up to date with CollegeBoard AP Exam information here:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>

Respectfully,

Advanced Placement Exam Coordinators :

Whitney High School- Roisin LeRoy rleroy@rocklinusd.org

Rocklin High School- Lissa Morgan lamorgan@rocklinusd.org"

NEW: Enrollment

ENROLLMENT

If you are interested in registering your student into RUSD for the 2020-2021 school year, you can complete the entire registration/enrollment online! [If you'd like to be taken to the Aeries Online Enrollment portal, click here.](#)

By following this link, you will be able to quickly begin the process for enrolling your student (s). Thanks to our hard-working Tech Services Department who made this possible during our closure.

UPDATE: Resources for Families

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

MEALS FOR STUDENTS:



Free Meals for Students!

**RUSD NUTRITION SERVICES WILL
CONTINUE PROVIDING BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH AT THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS AND TIMES:**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
11 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

ROCKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
5301 Victory Lane

WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL
701 Wildcat Boulevard

**SPRING VIEW
MIDDLE SCHOOL**
5040 5th Street

**ANTELOPE CREEK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
6185 Springview Drive

**SIERRA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**
6811 Camborne Way

**NEW: ROCKLIN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
5025 Meyers Street

Families can access these meals regardless of their school of residence.

Unless you are an RUSD Adult Transition student, you must be 18 years or younger and must be present.

There will be no cost to students regardless of eligibility.

**ONE BREAKFAST AND ONE
LUNCH WILL BE
AVAILABLE BOTH FOR
PICK-UP AND VIA "DRIVE-
THRU" AT THE SITES' BUS
LOOP.**

For more information about meals for students during school closures, visit our website at www.rocklinusd.org



Shout out to our hardworking Nutrition Services workers-- on the job every day making sure our families in need receive meals for their children! **Please note: a new location has been added for the convenience of our families!** Breakfast and lunch meal services will now be available at Rocklin Elementary School, Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CHILDCARE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS:

EMERGENCY CHILD CARE SERVICES

CDI AND CLUB ROCKLIN SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDCARE FOR THOSE WORKING IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES STARTING MONDAY MARCH 23.

THIS OPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR BOTH CURRENT AND NEW FAMILIES TO EACH PROGRAM.

PLEASE CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH EACH CDI/CLUB ROCKLIN SITE TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY.

**For a list of sites and contact information,
visit www.cdicdc.org or call (916) 830-3300**

If you are working in an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic and are in need of childcare, CDI and Club Rocklin are available to you at many different locations throughout the district. To learn more and to check availability, call CDI directly at (916) 830-3300 or view a list of open locations [by clicking here](#).

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH:

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



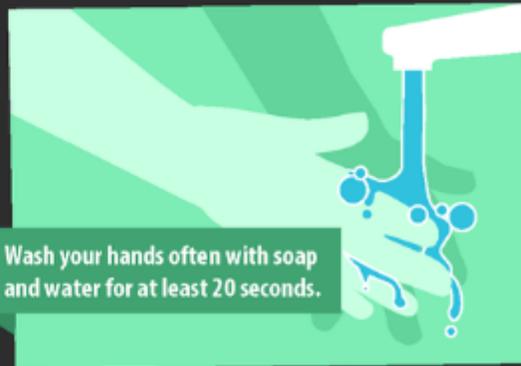
Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Credit: Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets)

We would like to remind you to please take all the necessary precautions to protect yourselves and our community from this and any illness.

As always, it has been shared by all health agencies that washing your hands, covering your cough or sneeze are some of the most proactive mechanisms when it comes to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. For the latest information on COVID-19 within RUSD, Placer County and beyond, follow the links below:

- www.rocklinusd.org/Departments/Health-Services/Novel-Coronavirus
- www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus

- www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

SPANISH TRANSLATIONS AVAILABLE:

Resources that are available on our website are being made accessible to those whose home language is Spanish. Simply click on the “[en español]” option when available. You can view all of our current resources [by clicking here](#).

Upcoming Events:



- **Monday, April 6-Friday, April 10: Spring Break, NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, April 13-Wednesday, April 15: NO SCHOOL** (Distance Learning Staff Collaboration Days)
- **Wednesday, May 6: Board of Trustees Meeting--** Please note, due to COVID-19 this and other school board meetings may be cancelled or held with attendance adjustments (similar to the March 18 meeting) in order to follow recommended community mitigation guidelines.
 - If you missed the March 18, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting and are interested in watching the previously recorded live stream of it, including a presentation by staff regarding district-wide COVID-19 updates, [click here](#).
- **Wednesday, April 15 (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.): Ask RUSD--** Looking for an opportunity to ask district leaders questions regarding the impact COVID-19 has on your child’s education? Submit a question at <https://forms.gle/y61ougHoDErxQAyx5>.
 - If you’d like to see a list of questions that have already been submitted, visit the following link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jAQKwxDBZjpYHkU2_ggux75xLz_-Rg_jdwIWIC1FHgc/edit?usp=sharing

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Can't wait for the next RUSD Report?

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Follow us on Twitter: @RocklinUSD and #rusdPROUD (www.twitter.com/RocklinUSD)

If you'd like to share a story with our Communication/Community Engagement Department, [click here](#) to be taken to our news submission form. We'd love to highlight your story in our next newsletter, our social media channels and/or on our website! Once you submit your story, our Communication Department will reach out with any further questions!

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