

**March 5, 2020**

Families,

We have communicated with LA County and there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among MBUSD students or families. Further details will be sent via email shortly.

**Follow up Email:**

Dear Grand View Families,

We have received several emails with questions about whether there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 among MBUSD students or families. At this point, we have no confirmed cases, and we continue to be in communication with the LA County Public Health Department and the Los Angeles County Office of Education. We will work with the County Health Department to quickly inform our school community as guided by that office. We are also aware that at any time circumstances can change. Be assured as a school and district, we are taking steps to prepare for this possibility. I encourage all families to do so at home as well. I can't emphasize enough the importance of measured reactions during this heightened time of sensitivity.

The following precautionary measures are in place at Grand View.

Staff is:

- Emphasizing simple common-sense preventive actions for students, such as **staying home when sick; appropriately covering coughs and sneezes; cleaning frequently touched surfaces; washing hands often; and keeping hands off of the face.**
- Reminding/instructing students to cough and sneeze into their arms. Ensuring handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Allowing students extra time to wash hands with soap and water before heading out to snack and lunch. 20 second soap and water IS a superior method.
- Using helpful handwashing videos: <https://youtu.be/qJG72sycQB8>
- Routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, countertops) with anti-viral cleaners. Night custodians are wiping down all high use surfaces daily.
- Cleaning lunch and outside tables daily with newly recommended disinfectant.
- Sending students with persistent cough, possible fever to health office. When students or staff present with a cough/shortness of breath and fever 100.4 or greater, these are new recommendations: 1. Masking and isolation until the parent can pick up student 2. Limiting the individuals that enter the room to one person if possible and that person will mask. Location of the isolation room will be the health office and Ms. Paula will be the main point person to enter the isolation room. 3. Custodian will be called to classroom following any potentially ill child to wipe down high-use surfaces with anti-viral disinfectant 4. A questionnaire form will now be used and sent back to the teacher when the student is fever free.
- Emphasizing confidentiality with any and all students.

Parent resources:

- Link to staying home when sick poster: <https://www.cdc.gov/nonpharmaceutical-interventions/pdf/stay-home-youre-sick-employers-item4.pdf>
- NPR interview/ kid friendly corona information- I recommend you listen and watch!
- <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus>
- Helpful handwashing videos: <https://youtu.be/qJG72sycQB8> ..Or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHPQrYthn6M&feature=youtu.be>

Latest Info from LA County Public Health :

“There are no known exposures to the general public. None of the new cases are from community spread.” “Although there is no current need for significant social distancing measures in LA County, and the individual risk for contracting COVID-19 remains low for most individuals in the County, all community members should take the opportunity to plan for the possibility of more significant social distancing requirements.”

Thank you for your support and being great role models during difficult circumstances for our children.  
Warmly,  
Mrs. Doyle