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March 9, 2020

Dear St. HOPE Public Schools Families and Community Members:

We are writing to reiterate that St. HOPE Public schools continues to receive guidance from the Sacramento County Public Health Department (SCPH), the California Department of Public Health(CDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Sacramento County Office of Education to ensure a coordinated response that protects students and staff. As of today, there are no known instances of a St. HOPE student or staff person who have tested positive for COVID-19 and St. HOPE Public Schools has not been advised to close or cease normal activities. Therefore, our schools will remain open until further notice and we will continue to take proactive measures such as disinfecting high touch areas and others on a daily basis.

It is important to note that the SCPH does recommend that students must stay home if they are sick. Students may return to school after 24 hours of no fever and no symptoms. Please feel free to call the front office and request to pick up missing work on a daily basis.

We also continue to remind everyone that the best way to stay healthy during this cold and flu season is to practice everyday prevention. Please make sure to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick (24 hours for fever and 48 hours for gastrointestinal).
- Cover your cough.
- Sneeze into a tissue then throw the tissue away in the trash. Wash your hands afterwards.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu shot.

The health and safety of all of our scholars and staff is our top concern, and we will continue to keep our school community updated about any information about COVID-19 that could impact our school schedule or operations.

We will continue to be transparent in communicating with our families and staff, and we want to reassure you that the well-being, health, and safety of our scholars and staff is a top priority. We have added a COVID-19 section to our website where we will continue to post updated communication. Please continue to check here for updates- <https://www.sthope.org/post/covid-19>.

Sincerely,

Kari Wehrly