



CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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March 5, 2020

Dear Feaster Charter Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Our school has been informed that a parent of a pre-school student at our school is being monitored and quarantined by the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) because of exposure to an individual who has a case of COVID-19. At this time, there is no indication that the parent has contracted COVID-19 and the HHSA has indicated there is a low probability that the individual will contract it. Due to the way the COVID-19 virus is spread, per current protocol (directed by the Centers for Disease Control), the HHSA only quarantines an individual if they have had direct and close contact with a person tested positive for the virus. The parent made the decision to keep their child home during the 14-day quarantine and monitoring, so there is no risk to the school, students or staff.

It is critical to remain calm and reasonable during this time. According to HHSA, at no point have any of our students or staff members been subject to exposure to the COVID-19 virus from this parent or student. Across the country, there have been reports of students and others being stigmatized due to their proximity (either real or perceived) to COVID-19 virus patients. We ask that you respect the privacy of students and staff. Reasonable dialogue and listening to the experts at the HHSA is what we need to focus on and the District is committed to providing additional information as it is provided by our partner agencies.

We have been and will continue to be in close contact with the District Office, County HHSA, City of Chula Vista, and other response agencies. We follow the direction of the Centers for Disease Control, California Department of Public Health, the San Diego HHSA and other coordinating agencies.

We will continue to work with these agencies to ensure that we are planning appropriate precautionary steps while we work through this and any other issues dealing with health and safety. Over the past several weeks, we have spent hours researching and in conversation with health authorities in efforts to learn how they can support our District prepare for any possible health emergencies.

We will continue to monitor the situation and update you as we have additional information. For specific information on the COVID-19 virus, we recommend reviewing information from reliable sources such as:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
- California Department of Public Health: www.cdph.ca.gov
- San Diego County HHSA, Epidemiology Department: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/>

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Sarah Motsinger at sara.motsinger@cvesd.org and we will try to answer them as quickly as possible.

Warmest regards,

Francisco Escobedo, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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