



Dear CVCHS Families,

This important message provides all members of our school community with an update on CVCHS' response and actions to address COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Based upon the most current and reliable information from the County and State, the CVCHS Governing Board, together with our administration, has determined the best way for our school to move forward. Please note that this is a detailed message. **Please take the time to read this full announcement.** It contains important facts and details regarding the present situation and CVCHS' next steps.

We remain concerned about the health and safety of our students, families, and staff during this uncertain time. Developments are occurring rapidly and new information is shared multiple times a day. This includes closure announcements by West Contra Costa County and Antioch school districts for multiple weeks and this morning's announcement that MDUSD will be closed for students next week beginning Tuesday, following Monday's staff only day. Several other Contra Costa County school districts have board meetings today regarding school closures and a national state of emergency was just announced by the President.

Despite this, it is important to remember that, to date, no CVCHS student or staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Additionally, there are no students or school staff in all of Contra Costa County who have had a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. Given these facts, CVCHS' approach is to stay calm but be overly cautious. We are encouraging all members of our school community to do the same. Please note, Contra Costa Health Services ("the County") will contact CVCHS should a student, staff member, or close relative of either be diagnosed with COVID-19. This is the only method by which CVCHS will have confirmation of this fact.

**Out of an abundance of caution, CVCHS has made the decision to close our campus beginning Monday, March 16th. During our closure, all precautionary measures will continue to be fully implemented and we will determine the best course of action going forward. Also starting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, all extracurricular activities, including sports, will be postponed or canceled until further notice. For events that can be moved to a later date, we will work with all parties to make such accommodations.**

**We felt it was important to communicate this information and these immediate next steps now to provide families as much advanced notice as possible. It is expected that more guidance from the County and State will be sent out to all California schools before Monday. This updated information will inform our decisions going forward.**

Please expect frequent updates from CVCHS via email and posted to our website. Our goal, initially at least, is to provide daily updates. Our updates will focus on: how we are ensuring a safe campus for students to return to; accessibility of food services (breakfast and lunch); ongoing learning options; and the status of extracurricular events.

Many have inquired about school being open (or re-opened in our case) versus the recent restrictions that have been placed on large public gatherings. We wanted to provide some context. The County and State have designated functions in two categories: essential and non-essential. The regular school day is considered an essential function. Non-essential events include all extracurricular activities and anything that occurs outside of the school day, including those that are off-campus.

As an essential function, we recognize the importance of restarting school operations as soon as it is safe. However, the guidance from the County and State will influence our next steps. We are hopeful that additional guidance will be released shortly.

Regarding non-essential functions, public health has transitioned from a strategy of containment to a strategy of mitigation. To mitigate the spread of this virus, a variety of directives have been provided and these vary based on geographic location. The County has specifically directed that non-essential events of more than 50 people be postponed or canceled. CVCHS will be using this guidance from the County to determine next steps with non-essential events **once school re-opens**. As this guidance changes, we will be adjusting our response and keeping everyone informed accordingly.

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CVCHS will share information for specific events when school re-opens. As stated before, starting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> all extracurricular events are postponed or canceled until further notice. For events that can be moved to a later date, we will work with all parties to make accommodations.

**Please note that we are moving the SAT administration which means it will NOT take place tomorrow, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

In addition to events, please note the following procedures going into effect at CVCHS when the school re-opens:

- Visitors during the school day and after school with students on campus will be restricted. We will adjust all parent meetings to be held telephonically. Note, this may impact deliveries to campus, including deliveries of food such as DoorDash.
- Any individual who has recently traveled to a country with a Level 3 Advisory should not come on campus and should follow all recommendations from their medical provider.

Please continue to read all updates from CVCHS. Everything will be provided via email and posted on our website. If necessary, email [info@claytonvalley.org](mailto:info@claytonvalley.org) with questions so we can ensure a timely, accurate response.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to your children and for your patience.

Sincerely,

CVCHS Board of Directors and Executive Director Jim Scheible