



Roseville City School District

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Document Provided by the Placer County Office of Education in collaboration with Placer County Public Health

The Roseville City School District, in partnership with the Placer County Office of Education and Placer County Public Health and other state and regional agencies, continues to monitor COVID-19 closely. As of this letter, there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Placer County, but the immediate risk to the general public and schools in Placer County is relatively low.

We will continue to keep our students, staff, and families informed as we receive guidance from public health officials. In the meantime, please see answers to the most common questions we've received from our school community in recent days.

For the most up-to-date information from health officials, visit

www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus.

Q: How are student absences being handled? A: All absences due to illnesses are excused with parent confirmation, per policies outlined in your school handbook and district materials.

Q: Are there any plans to alter or cancel travel, field trips, or school due to concerns? A: There are no recommendations from public health officials at this time for cancellation of public events, field trips, or school days. Based on direction from Placer County Public Health, "Students and school staff should go about their daily lives and practice the same precautions that they normally do during cold and flu season."

For information on travel plans you or families might be planning for Spring Break, please consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for travel guidelines.

Q: Are additional sanitization procedures taking place at sites and in classrooms? A: We implemented an A/B cleaning schedule designed to clean frequently touched surfaces and objects such as desks, tables, and doorknobs using state-recommended cleaning materials on a nightly basis. Additionally, we are asking students to 'wash in and wash out' before using shared technology devices and other shared materials.



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Q: Are alcohol-based hand sanitizers allowed in schools? A: Yes. Please visit the California Department of Education website for more details.

Q: My school bathroom is out of soap. What should I do? A: Contact your school secretary or principal by phone or email so the dispensers can be refilled as soon as possible.

Q: What happens if a child is symptomatic with flu/cold symptoms? If a child is symptomatic (for example, fever higher than 100.4, shortness of breath, cough, congestion), they should stay home and contact their physician for further guidance. A child may return to school once fever free for 24 hours without medication. If they are at school and begin to feel sick, they should check in with the health office.

Q: What if a student catches the virus? A: Any time a student is confirmed to have a communicable disease, the District communicates with Placer County Public Health for directives and guidance on preventing the spread of the specific communicable disease. This not only applies to COVID-19 but other health conditions as well (H1N1, tuberculosis, meningitis, etc.)

As a reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them home from school. All children and staff members with fever (>100.4 F / >38C) should remain home from school and other activities until they have no fever for 24 hours without fever medication.

Q: What if someone in a staff member's immediate family is diagnosed? Are all quarantined in that household? A: If students or staff come in contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, they should stay home, contact their medical provider, and call Placer County Public Health at (800) 829- 7198. If someone must quarantine or isolate, they will be notified by Placer County Public Health.



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Q. How do school sites handle requests for Independent Study (IS) related to coronavirus fears? A: Requests for medical independent study or home hospital instruction requires a note from a licensed medical physician.

At this time, the risk for our student population to contract COVID-19 remains very low. Vulnerable populations are those with chronic underlying health conditions, recent international travel, and public exposure to a person with COVID-19 virus.

Q: Who will decide to close schools? A: If an outbreak occurs, and school closures are recommended or ordered, decisions will be made following discussions between the school district, the Placer County Office of Education and Placer County Public Health. We will also consider guidance from the California Department of Education. Our District is unable to know if or when individuals are exposed to any illness, which is why we follow guidelines from expert agencies like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Placer County Public Health. Rather than recommending the cancellation of schools and public events, at this time, these agencies are asking people who may have been exposed to the virus, and their immediate families, to remain home from school and other activities.

Q: If, in a worst-case scenario, a school gets shut down, what "distance learning" protocols are being considered? A: The Roseville City School District does not have a distance learning platform. Distance learning is more common at the high school and college levels, where students are more independent learners. If school days are canceled during the regular school year, we are required to make those same number of days up before June 30, 2020, unless approved by the California Department of Education.