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Dear FJUHS Community,

FJUHS continues to closely monitor the situation regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), while working with expert partner agencies to ensure we are providing our community with medically accurate and timely information. As you may be aware, on February 25, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made statements during a briefing that signaled a change in tone from previous communications by asking individuals, communities, governments, businesses and schools to be prepared should the United States experience an increase in COVID-19 cases. In response, the County of Orange declared a COVID-19 emergency on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 <https://cms.ocgov.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=112434>.

### **Health Guidelines Remain the Same**

Although these new developments may cause concern for some in our community, the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) has informed Orange County school districts that the following guidelines have not changed.

- Travelers to the United States, who have been in China's Hubei province within 14 days, will face a mandatory quarantine and will be monitored by public health officials.
- Travelers to the United States from mainland China will face enhanced screening and a self-quarantine of up to 14 days to ensure they do not pose a health risk.
- OCHCA will exclude students under mandatory quarantine from school for 14 days from their last exposure and will communicate with Orange County school districts, colleges and universities to ensure high-risk students remain out of school for the identified period.

### **Spring Break Travel (March 23-27, 2020)**

As a reminder, if our families travel to mainland China or the Hubei province over the upcoming spring break, they will be subject to the above guidelines and any new guidelines that may be implemented. We ask that if you travel to any affected countries that you follow all state-related guidelines to support the health and safety of our community. For a list of countries with COVID-19 travel advisories, visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>.

### **Newly Enrolled Students**

According to the Health and Human Services declaration issued on January 31, federal and state officials are screening travelers entering the U.S. at ports of entry. FJUHS cannot and does not have the ability to monitor travel of our students and their families. If we become aware that students enrolled in our District have traveled from affected regions, we will provide families with the guidelines from expert health agencies and work confidentially and with compassion to support our students. However, in accordance with state law, FJUHS cannot ask for forms of identification related to immigration status. This includes asking for passports and checking travel status.

To support public health, FJUHS follows the guidance of expert agencies, as outlined above, and we expect our community to do so as well. This community effort will help ensure the health and safety of those who attend, work and visit our campuses.

Our planning efforts are geared toward a wide range of options for safely serving students that could include blended and/or online learning in the event of an emergency. FJUHSD will continue to develop plans, as part of our normal preparedness efforts, and our staff will account for any new developments related to COVID-19.

What Parents and Students Can Do

FJUHSD has and will continue to communicate with our students and families about the importance of:

- Following all expert healthcare agency guidelines and FJUHSD's health guidelines for students.
- Keeping children home when they are sick.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or coughing into your elbow/upper arm ("vampire cough") and teaching these habits to your children.
- Frequent handwashing

The District is committed to keeping our community informed. As updates are received, we will continue to provide information to our community in a timely manner. Up-to-date information can be found on the District Website [www.fjuhsd.org](http://www.fjuhsd.org). Thank you for your support and engagement. Through our continued partnership, we can support the health and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,



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